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extreme sports playground. Read more about Breathe Parkour on page 12.

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# Cyber police aid in Calgary's worst cases

**High-tech law  
enforcement.** Police  
support team involved  
in more than 200 cases  
in inaugural year



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Police have supercharged their  
efforts to investigate every-  
thing from cyberbullying to  
murder cases thanks to a new  
tech-savvy team billed as the  
first of its kind in Canada.

Since its inception in Janu-  
ary 2013, the Cybercrime  
Support Team has targeted  
cyberstalkers and child por-  
nographers and uncovered  
details involving sexting and

digital extortion cases.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Jepson said  
his seven-member crew aided  
205 cases last year and appears  
to be even busier in 2014.

"Crime is not just not local-  
ized to things that occur on  
the street anymore," he said.  
"Crime has moved onto the  
Internet as well."

In even the most serious  
cases, digital clues can prove  
key for prosecutors, Jepson  
said. Homicide investigators,  
for example, will turn to the  
team to uncover details about  
who a victim's last contact and  
what plans they have had in  
the lead up to their death.

"People communicate not  
just via face-to-face or via tele-  
phone anymore ... anything  
that's open-source on the In-  
ternet that can aid the investi-  
gation, we'll go obtain that for  
them," Jepson said, noting his

team pulls all necessary paper-  
work before undertaking their  
digital endeavours.

Alberta teacher Bill Belsey,  
who created the website bully-  
ing.org and has served as a vol-  
unteer "digital ombudsman"  
for years, deemed the police  
team a positive step. Belsey  
said victims of cyberbullying  
and cyberstalking often have  
little recourse when turning  
to major telecommunications  
and social-media corporations  
for assistance in warding off  
online abuse.

"There are a lot of families  
out there — parents and kids  
— who are their wits end to  
know where to begin when  
either a child is being cyber-  
bullied or an adult is being  
harassed ... the reality is when  
people experience this, you  
feel quite socially isolated, you  
feel alone."



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'A bit of a shock'

## No contenders yet in race to replace Redford

With Premier Alison Redford out the door, experts can only guess who may toss their hat in the ring to be the next Progressive Conservative leader.

According to University of Calgary professor David Stewart, an expert in Alberta politics, the party will need to find someone to win back the favour of Albertans.

"I think the next premier will have to convince Albertans that there is no sense of entitlement within the Conservative party and they can bring change for the province," said Stewart.

The party's rules require a vote on the new leader no sooner than four months and no more than six months after the resignation.

Finance Minister Doug Horner said it was too early to say, but wasn't ruling out another run at the leadership. Horner was one of the top contenders in the race that Redford won in the fall of 2011.

"I've made no decisions about my future at this point," Horner said. "Yesterday was a bit of a shock for a lot of people and we are going to take stock and make some decisions in the future about my future."

Employment Minister Thomas Lukaszuk, while also saying it was still early going, wasn't discounting his own run. He dismissed suggestions from the opposition that the party's leadership race — the third in eight years — will distract from the business of government.

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Deputy Premier Dave Hancock walks down the legislature stairs on Wednesday night with Premier Alison Redford, right before Redford announced her resignation. Hancock will be sworn in Sunday night as the new premier. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Dave Hancock to be new premier

**Redford resigns.** Tory caucus picks veteran MLA to take reins on interim basis

Dave Hancock, who once dreamed of being the leader of Alberta, got the job Thursday in a way he never imagined.

Hancock, Premier Alison Redford's second in command, was chosen by the governing Progressive Conservative caucus to replace her when she steps down on Sunday and her party begins the search for a permanent replacement.

He lost the PC leadership

race to Ed Stelmach in 2006 and said Thursday he won't run again because the Tories need a fresh face.

"If we're going to show the party as moving forward, I'm probably not the guy who epitomizes that," he said.

The PC party executive is to meet Monday to set out the timeline for the leadership race, which can run as little as four months and as long as six.

Redford did not attend the hour-long morning meeting to choose Hancock, but arrived at the end with her 12-year-old daughter, Sarah, in tow. She did not speak to reporters.

Hancock said he will neither be changing Redford's policies nor the direction

of government. That's the prerogative of the incoming permanent leader, he suggested.

"The mandate doesn't change," said Hancock. "It's the mandate of government. It's the mandate under which our MLAs were elected and that is what we will continue to do."

Redford remains the member of the legislature for Calgary-Elbow.

Hancock said that despite the race, the business of government will carry on and will be effective.

"We've got a budget to pass and we're going to pass that budget," he said. "We are going to go into the legislature

### Premier ... for now

- Hancock said he will also keep his portfolio as advanced education minister.
- Hancock, deputy premier and member of the legislature for Edmonton-Whitemud, has been in government for 17 years and is the longest-serving minister in cabinet.

every day and do our job, and we are going to go back into our constituencies every day and do our job," he said.

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## 'Freak accident.' Young girl killed by television

Safeguarding against "freak accidents" was top of mind for first responders Thursday after a six-year-old girl was killed by a tube TV.

EMS spokeswoman Chelsea Small told Metro it's a reminder of the "awful" consequences that can arise from household dangers — even though they rarely end in such tragedy.

"It really was a freak accident," Small said Thursday.

The young girl purportedly suffered serious injuries after being pinned under a TV

in the southwest community of Southwood on Wednesday night. She was rushed to hospital but later succumbed to her injuries.

Small suggested parents can reduce the risk of such an accident. The 10-year Calgary EMS vet noted televisions can be firmly secured through stands, ties and other measures.

"It's just about testing it first," she said. "If you shake or move your TV, then it's not easily going to fall."

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### School budget

#### CBE shortfall lowered by \$4M

The Calgary Board of Education said Thursday its provincial funding allocation for the coming school year had been revised, but officials continued to warn of a looming shortfall, now pegged at \$27 million. **METRO**

### Recovery money

#### Feds send initial \$500M for flood

The provincial government received an advance payment of \$500 million from the federal government Thursday to aid with recovery efforts in the wake of last June's historic flood.

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# Cops, dog owners warn of powder-laced fruit



This cut-up apple and many more were found covered in what's believed to be chili powder in Nose Hill Park on Wednesday. COURTESY SHALANE PRYCE

**Nose Hill Park.** Owner says 'malicious' intent behind fruit apparently covered in chili powder



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Police are warning Calgary dog owners to be vigilant after two reports of powder-covered fruit being left in northwest parks.

Lee Ann Carr became suspicious Wednesday when her five-month-old pup ventured from sight for a moment and then re-emerged licking her lips at Nose Hill Park.

Carr discovered an apple covered in a reddish substance — which several owners now believe may be chili powder.

On Thursday, Carr said her dog is fine after a trip to the vet but she worries for other pets.

"Whether it's just a hoax to

### Second incident?

Police told Metro the discovery is very similar to another reported March 15 in nearby Bowmont Park.

- "I don't know if somebody doesn't like the deer, coyotes or people with their dogs," said 3 District Cst. Glenn Pratt.

get people to go and spend a lot of money at the vet — have their dog spend the afternoon getting pumped full of charcoal — it's obviously intentional and it's malicious," she said.

Shalane Pryce, founder of the Southern Alberta Pet Connection Facebook page, helped clean up the fruit scattered across Nose Hill on Wednesday.

"It looks like they must have cut 7-8 apples, and it looked to be one orange.... There were raspberries, too," she said.



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## LIDO CAFÉ CLOSING AFTER SEVEN DECADES



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Over the next couple of weeks, you'll hear lots of people waxing-nostalgic about the Lido Café.

That's because, after more than 70 years, the small diner along 10th St. NW will be closing its doors at the end of April to make room for a new condo development. To run a business that long in Calgary is truly remarkable. Before Stampede Wrestling, there was the Lido Café. Before the population of the city was even 100,000 people, there was the Lido Café. The fact that the diner has survived the threat of franchises, food trends and the onslaught of foodies equipped with Instagram, is truly remarkable.

If you've never been, some of the diner's most popular dishes are the Chinese combo special (\$8.95), the burger (\$4.25), the breakfast special (\$6.38) and the chocolate shake (\$4.95). If those prices seem incredibly low to you, that's because you're probably not used to seeing affordable food. Calgary's recent surge in cool and trendy restaurants has left many people like me, who love to eat, but don't want to be poor because of it, without very many options.

Of course it's good to eat organic, locally grown and whatever "deconstructed food" is, but sometimes, I just don't want to. Instead, I want to pay \$7.95 for a meal that I can split in two, and have the rest for lunch the next day. I want a place that I can afford and not feel guilty about the next day. I've always thought it was strange to regularly spend a lot of money on food, because no matter how much you spend, you still wake up hungry the next day. The most expensive dish on Lido Café's menu? The sirloin steak, which for \$14.95 comes with fries, vegetables, soup, a roll and dessert. For an extra \$3.75, you can throw in a cold beer.

On the Lido Café's final weekend, a special art show featuring the work of Melanie Aikenhead will highlight the history of the Lido Café. And, a few days later, the Lido Café will close its doors forever.

So that means we have a month to say thanks. Thanks for the unforgettable atmosphere, the expansive and sometimes odd menu, but most importantly, thanks for working hard to make sure that I, and thousands of other Calgarians, always had a delicious and affordable place to eat.

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## Cyclists welcome 'one-metre' and 'dooring' rules

### Traffic law.

Legislation gets 'tougher with those who ignore the law,' Ontario Transportation Minister Glen Murray says



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Calgary cycling advocates say tough new rules aimed at Ontario motorists who pass cyclists too closely or open car doors in front of them would be a welcome addition to Alberta's traffic laws.

Legislation introduced in Ontario this week would see fines for drivers who open their door into the path of a cyclist boosted to a range of \$300 to \$1,000, up from the current range of \$60 to \$500, and raise the demerit points from two to three.

The proposed law would also require drivers to maintain a distance of one metre when passing cyclists, similar to rules in several U.S. jurisdictions.

Dale Calkins of Bike Calgary said both of those areas are "very lacking" in Alberta traffic laws.

"There is a law that says you have to open a door properly but it's not very specific," he said. "And then in



A cyclist navigates traffic in Toronto, where the Ontario government introduced tough new legislation this week that would boost fines for "dooring" cyclists or passing them too closely. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

terms of passing, that's also something that's very vague. There's a requirement that you have to pass safely, but it doesn't specify how or at what distance."

Christopher Chan, executive director of the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters' (EBC) Society, said he'd welcome "appropriate penalties for opening your door into traffic without making sure it's

clear, as well as a one-metre passing law" in Alberta.

"We certainly would be encouraged by having the province look at that," he said.

But EBC's main priority remains separated cycling infrastructure, Chan added. He noted the Alberta capital has still has no separated "cycle tracks," while Calgary has one on 7 Street SW and plans for an eventual down-

town network of physically protected cycle routes.

Calkins said dedicated cycling infrastructure remains a higher priority for Bike Calgary, too, but legal changes can go hand-in-hand.

"There are many roads that there aren't going to be protected bike lanes on — probably ever," he said. "People need to be protected also by the law."

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# Taxi partitions unnecessary: City study

**TLAC.** Security cameras, however, increase safety threefold



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City councillors will likely be advised later this year that there's little safety

benefit to segregating Calgary cabbies and their patrons by installing interior shields.

In August, the city's Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee (TLAC) formed a committee to examine the impact that controversial partitions had on safety in other North American jurisdictions.

Members turned to a

## Taxi crime down

In 2013, there were a total of 166 crimes reported that took place inside a taxi, down from the average of 199 incidents seen over the previous five years.

study published in the American Journal of Pre-

ventive Medicine in 2013 involving 26 U.S. cities, which found that while inner-cab security cameras led to a three-fold reduction in taxi-driver homicides, partitions appeared to have no impact.

Taxi security cameras already became mandatory in Calgary last July.

The findings are included in a report that will be presented to TLAC Monday.



A new report recommends against installing partitions inside Calgary cabs like these. METRO FILE

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## CRA. Scam targeting South Asian community persisting: Police

Police are once again warning about fraudsters posing as Canada Revenue Agency representatives and attempting to bilk money from victims through prepaid debit or credit cards.

In each case, the impersonators are purportedly calling victims and threatening them with jail time or deportation if they do not comply.

The scam has been targeting members of Calgary's South Asian community and police believe the number of victims could tally in the hundreds.

"The CRA do not use these tactics to collect unpaid taxes," said Cst. Paban Dhaliwal of the Calgary Police Diversity Resources Unit.

Dhaliwal told reporters the

victims of the scam range in age, but said he believes the South Asian community has been targeted because of their desire to comply with Canadian law — as most are new Canadians, seeking permanent residency.

Cst. Tanya Bertulli of the Calgary Police Service Economic Crimes Unit said that once the fraudsters have access to the funds from the prepaid cards, it is nearly impossible to trace or recover cash.

Police urge those contacted by phone and threatened in this way not to comply with the demands, but to collect as much information and contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. **CANDICE WARD/METRO**

## ASIRT. Calgarians in silver car sought in probe of police-involved shooting

Alberta's cop watchdog has released a blurry photo from the scene of a fatal shooting on Deerfoot Trail late last month.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team issued a plea Thursday to speak with the occupants of a what's believed to be a silver car.

Authorities urge anyone with information to call the Calgary ASIRT office at 403-592-4306.

Police opened fire on Jason Roy on Feb. 28 when the 33-year-old drove his Ford F-350 the wrong way down the Deerfoot freeway, near McKenzie Lake Blvd SE.

Roy died and a woman in the truck's passenger seat was rushed to hospital in critical condition.

Friends told Metro Roy struggled with substance abuse, but contended he didn't deserve to be struck down in a hail of bullets.



Investigators issued this picture to media Thursday in an effort to find witnesses to an officer-involved shooting on Feb. 28, 2014.

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The victim did have a well-documented history with police that include charges related to ramming an RCMP vehicle near Canmore one year ago. Police Chief Rick Hanson was keen to defend his officers' actions in the wake of the shooting.

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# CBE may need \$12M more for schools

**Tight on funds.** Staff will have two months to prepare for students

Calgary public school officials have requested more provincial cash to aid the pricey outfitting of a dozen facilities they hope to have

ready for classes by fall 2016.

The Calgary Board of Education has likely never simultaneously opened this many buildings, according to Supt. for facilities Frank Coppinger, and each needs a full complement of desks, chairs and other classroom gear.

Coppinger also warned of an "enormously chal-

lenging" timeline ahead, as the province is slated to release control of the facilities at the end of June 2016, just two months prior to the start of classes.

The CBE's concerns appeared to add to a stack of challenges that already have some officials and parents quietly questioning whether the province can really meet

its ambitious timeline of opening 50 new schools and retrofitting 70 more in two-and-a-half-years.

The recently released provincial budget allocated \$1.2 billion to the total project budget but officials have said the final tally for construction will fall around \$2 billion.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



It took staff three months to get Robert Thirsk High School, seen here prior to opening in September, outfitted for classes. METRO FILE



## So, uh, whatever did end up happening to spring?

Calgarians woke up to snow-lined roads and slick driving conditions on what's classified as the first day of spring in 2014. Calgary cops were kept busy throughout the day. Police say 20 injury and 185 non-injury crashes were reported between 6 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Thursday. A man succumbed to his injuries in hospital after rolling his car into a creek in Airdrie. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

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# Cops attribute rise in child sex abuse cases to more reporting

**321 offences.** Increase coincides with opening of Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre



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Sex crimes reported against youths spiked in 2013, the year Calgary opened the doors to a single-stop shop for child-abuse services.

Kids were reportedly victimized in 321 sex offences last year, compared with an annual average of 233 cases from 2008-2012.

Rather than strike alarm bells over the 38-per cent jump, investigators noted an increase was expected with the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre officially opening last spring.

That sentiment was

**Closer to reality?**

## 37.8%

The increase in sex offences against kids in 2013 in comparison to the average of the previous five years, according to new statistics from the Calgary Police Service.

echoed by the man whose name is on the 25,000-square-foot facility at the University of Calgary's Child Development Centre.

"This does not mean there's more of this happening," Sheldon Kennedy said in an interview. "What we're finally seeing is the realities of how much of it was happening."

The centre houses experts able to provide a quick response to allegations of abuse. Victims are also spared from repeating their heart-wrenching stories to separate



Former NHLer and sexual abuse victim Sheldon Kennedy opens the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre for youth and families affected by child abuse, in May 2013. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

agencies, with police, prosecutors, and health and social workers under one roof.

"We knew we may look like the child abuse capital

of Canada for a few years," he said. "But the reality is ... we're seeing a lot of great work in the community that allows kids and individuals to

feel safe to come forward."

Kennedy, a former Calgary Flames player, is credited for casting the spotlight on sexual abuse after detailing his experience with one-time junior hockey coach Graham James.

He was modest when asked about the apparent success and credited the Calgary Police Service's early intervention strategies under Chief Rick Hanson.

The number of investigators in the child abuse unit has risen to 20 officers from six in recent years.

The unit's acting Staff Sgt. Andy Nguyen casts a "tighter safety net" for some of the city's most vulnerable people. And despite the widening scope, Nguyen says authorities are able to handle a heavy caseload.

"We are built to handle more reports and the quality of the investigation," he told Metro.

**Consistently dropping**

## Youth crime plummets

Police recorded another precipitous decline in youth-perpetrated crime in 2013, with robberies, assaults and sex offences all down compared to the previous five-year average.

Sgt. Rob Brown, who oversees officers in south-end junior and senior high schools, boasted the cops' commitment to crime prevention and reduction strategies.

"It's the direction the service is going in and has been going for over the past four or five years," Brown said. "It's now coming back to us."

In total, offences committed by Calgarians under 17 years old dropped to 2,071 from 3,484 — a 41 per cent drop over the average of the previous five-year span.

In the past, criminologists have also attributed the drop in youth crime to changes around federal law for 12- to 17-year-olds.

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Matthew Talbot-Turner, co-founder of Breathe Parkour, is perched high above the gym space in northeast Calgary.  
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# Parkour athletes scale obstacles in gym launch

**Opening.** Challenges include convincing city inspectors everyone will be safe practising what's deemed an extreme sport, entrepreneur says



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As a parkour athlete, Matthew Talbot-Turner is used to hurdling park benches, retaining walls and rails.

With his next big leap, the animated 28-year-old has landed a small business. Earlier this

## Quoted

**"We have 12-and-a-half months of winter ... This gives us a place to train — not just for our high-level athletes but for everyone."**

Matthew Talbot-Turner

month, Talbot-Turner and his pals began selling passes for what's being promoted as Calgary's first purpose-built parkour gym.

A grand opening for the sprawling play space is planned for September.

With 6,000-square-foot inside the Calgary North East Sports Facility, it intends to replicate the outdoor, concrete playgrounds that the daredevil athletes are known to hang from.

Dubbed Breathe Parkour, the gym features a massive foam pit, surrounded by plenty of different places to climb, jump and flip off.

Talbot-Turner insists "99 per cent" of parkour practitioners — known as traceuses (females) or traceurs (males) — shouldn't immediately do it outside. And even the experienced tricksters are forced to contend with never-ending winters.

Visit breathepk.com.

## Cancer fundraiser. Boys in the buff get suited up

With temperatures expected to be chilly, a different kind of shrinkage might be seen in the lineup outside an Inglewood designer boutique this Saturday.

In its fourth year, the stylists at Espy Experience, located in the Art Block at 1009 - 9 Ave SE, will suit up 100 ginch-clad gents raising money to support the Calgary Prostate Cancer Centre for #nakedespy. Fashion stylist and Espy founder Megan Szanik said the popularity of the event, which is hoping to raise \$30,000 this year, lies in each year's new twist.

"The guys have so much

## By the numbers

# 1 in 7

In Alberta, one in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer.

fun," Szanik said, noting city celebs like Helen Upperton, Jesse Lumsden and CJAY92's Stephen (The Grunt) Murray have signed on for this year's event.

This year, dudes can choose from two distinct looks: Mad Men or Calgary entrepreneur, and each gets a proper fit of \$750 in clothes for a \$200 donation to the cause.



Some brave lads are seen in their skivvies during a past Espy Experience event. COURTESY SHANNON IRVINE

They've filled registration — it was sold out in three days — and Szanik also credits growing awareness of prostate cancer as a driving force in getting people out.

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# Jasper embracing gay-friendly tourism

## Mountain party.

Rainbow Pride a tough sell early on, but now local businesses are reaping the rewards

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In a town known more for its blue-collar citizens and churches than its drag shows, Lynn Wannop recalls the fight getting the Jasper Pride Festival off the ground.

The owner of Coco's Café remembers pounding the pavement in an effort to sell the festival to businesses in the tiny resort town west of Edmonton.

"Even if it's something that you don't personally

agree with, look at it this way, you're dealing with a group of people who — if they feel safe travelling here — they will be loyal and come back here again and again and again," Wannop recalled telling them.

That was five years ago.

Nowadays, the advantage of more than 500 people coming to Jasper to celebrate is definitely being felt at Whistler's Inn, one of the town's hotels.

"Over the last five years, we've definitely seen an increase in the number of people checking into our hotel specifically for Pride. That then transfers into things like more restaurant visits and drinks at the hotel's bar," said General Manager Vanessa Hatto-Hugie.

The hotel, which has been a member of the International

## Quoted

**"A few years ago, Coco's Cafe had the only rainbow sticker in town, and now, you walk around and there's tons of them. It's so cool. It's getting bigger and better and it's not going anywhere."**

Lynn Wannop, one of the original organizers of the Jasper Pride Parade

Gay & Lesbian Travel Association for three years, is sold out this weekend for the festival.

Jasper's small businesses aren't the only ones benefitting from the burgeoning festival.

Through traditional advertisements in gay-friendly publications, as well as their social media channels, Fairmont's Jasper Park Lodge, which has begun to focus a segment of their marketing exclusively on LGBTQ weddings.

This year, the hotel is also one of the festival's sponsors. Uwe Walter, the hotel's director of sales and marketing, sees the Jasper Park Lodge as having an important role in the industry.

"We've definitely seen an increase in same-sex weddings and we haven't run into any resistance, if anything, it's the complete opposite," said Walter, who is also the festival's co-chair. "The support within the community of Jasper has been overwhelmingly positive."



Revellers are seen during a drag show held as part of Jasper Pride Weekend in 2012. COURTESY MIKE GERE

# 'Team Zeus' building electric superbike at U of C



"The Zephyr" is a stripped-down 2004 Suzuki GSXR-600 being converted into an electric superbike by a team at the University of Calgary. CONTRIBUTED

Powered just by batteries — lots and lots of batteries — a superbike being built by a team of students at the University of Calgary is expected to top 160 km/h and, if all goes well, compete on the international circuit against other zero-emission motorcycles this summer.

"Team Zeus," made up largely of students from the Schulich School of Engineering, has stripped a 2004 Suzuki GSXR-600 of its gasoline-burning parts and is converting the

bike to electric power.

Dubbed, "The Zephyr," the bike is their second such project. "The first one we built was just sort of a practice bike to prove we were serious," said team president Siegfried Baumann. "For this one we're actually using professional level-equipment and we have two motors on it, both running one chain. It's far more powerful."

The goal is to enter the bike in this summer's FIM eRacing World Cup, an international series of races for elec-

## Quoted

**"You can get cheaper batteries, but they just won't get us to the speeds that are capable of competing."**

Matt Hill, 'Team Zeus' member

tric bikes, said team member Matt Hill.

For that, though, Team Zeus

needs more and better batteries to power The Zephyr, which they're trying to fund through a Kickstarter campaign.

"You can get cheaper batteries, but they just won't get us to the speeds that are capable of competing," Hill said.

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# Floating objects 'best lead' in search for plane

## Satellite imagery.

Possible debris spotted 2,500 kilometres southwest of Australia

An air search in the southern Indian Ocean for possible objects from the missing Malaysia Airlines plane that has been described as the "best lead" has turned up no clues as of early Friday, Australian rescue officials said.

Four planes were checking to see if two large objects spotted in satellite imagery bobbing in the remote ocean were debris from Flight 370 that disappeared March 8 with 239 people on board.

"This is a lead, it's probably the best lead we have right now," John Young, manager of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's emergency response division said. He cautioned that the



Family members of passengers aboard the missing Malaysia Airlines plane arrive for a briefing in Cyberjaya, Malaysia, on Thursday. LAI SENG SIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

objects could be seaborne debris along a shipping route where containers can fall off cargo vessels, although the larger object is longer than a

container.

News that possible plane parts had been found marked a new phase in the emotional roller coaster for distraught

relatives of the passengers, who have criticized Malaysia harshly for not releasing timely information about the plane. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Thrill seeker. Boy, 16, charged after climbing World Trade Center spire

A 16-year-old boy described as a thrill seeker bypassed an inattentive security guard in the middle of the night and climbed a ladder to the spire of 1 World Trade Center in New York City, where he apparently took pictures, authorities said Thursday.

Justin Casquejo was arrested at 6 a.m. Sunday at the U.S.'s tallest building and charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass, police said.

According to a criminal complaint, Casquejo was quoted as telling police: "I walked around the construction site and figured out how to access the Freedom Tower rooftop. I found a way up through the scaffolding, climbed onto the 6th floor, and took the elevator up to the 88th floor. I then took the staircase up to 104th (floor). I went to the rooftop and climbed the ladder all the way to the antenna."

His camera and cellphone were seized after authorities obtained a search warrant, said Joe Pentangelo, a spokes-



1 World Trade Center  
ANDREW BURTON/GETTY IMAGES

man for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police department.

According to court papers, Casquejo was released without bail after being arraigned early Monday on one count of third-degree criminal trespass and one count of trespass.

Authorities were still trying to determine the teen's motive. WABC-TV reported that he took pictures from the top of the building, where he stayed for about two hours.

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# No referendum until Quebec is ready, says PQ's Pauline Marois



From left, Quebec Solidaire Leader Francoise David, Coalition Avenir Quebec Leader Francois Legault, Parti Québécois Leader Pauline Marois and Liberal Leader Philippe Couillard pose ahead of the leaders' debate Thursday in Montreal.  
PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Debate.** Party's leader reassures voters that a PQ win wouldn't spark an immediate vote — but won't say what the future may hold

A Parti Québécois majority government will not hold an independence referendum until Quebecers are ready for one, Leader Pauline Marois told a televised audience

Thursday night.

But Marois refused to confirm in a debate with her political rivals there won't be a referendum if her party is re-elected on April 7.

"You know that (Liberal Leader Philippe) Couillard, in order to have people forget the Liberal years, would have you believe that this election is being fought on the issue of another referendum," she said during the leaders' debate.

"False. There will be no referendum as long as Quebecers are not ready."

With polls repeatedly suggesting that a majority of Quebecers do not want another referendum, the debate provided Marois with a perfect opportunity to reassure voters that a PQ victory would not spark an immediate vote on the province's future.

But, just like many previous PQ leaders who can't afford to alienate hardline sovereigntists in the party, Marois refused to say there wouldn't be a referendum in the next four years.

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## Portland Hotel Society

### Audit uncovers lavish spending by B.C. non-profit

The non-profit that looks after some of Canada's poorest citizens blew thousands of dollars on hotels, limousines — even a trip to a Disney resort. Separate financial reviews examining expenses by the Portland Hotel Society — which runs Canada's only safe-injection site — revealed misuse of corporate credit cards and unsupported expenses.

A B.C. government review and external financial audit reveal what the province says are significant concerns over the practices of the society that operates numerous programs in Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## 'No due or fair process'

### Trudeau slammed over blocking of Liberal candidate

Justin Trudeau's decision to block a candidate who wanted to run for the Liberals in the Trinity-Spadina byelection has been condemned by the riding's Liberal executive members.

They say the move to block Christine Innes was undemocratic and amounted to the leader breaking his promise of open nomination meetings in all ridings.

"There was absolutely no due or fair process ... and there was absolutely zero local involvement," riding president Julia Metus said in a statement Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## 20 years later

### All apologies, but nothing's changed in Cobain case

With the 20th anniversary of Kurt Cobain's death approaching, Seattle police re-examined the case files in connection with the Nirvana front man's suicide.

Police spokeswoman Renee Witt said Thursday the review found nothing new, but several rolls of undeveloped film were found.

Police took another look at the case to be ready for next month's anniversary, she said. "There's still a lot of interest in this case. The detective went into the case files to refresh himself. The outcome of the case has not changed."

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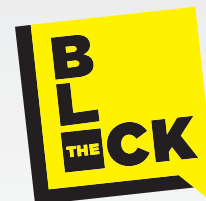
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Afghan police forces arrive at the site of a gun battle in the Serena hotel in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Thursday.  
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# Taliban attacks threaten election

**Kabul and Jalalabad targeted.** Afghan forces kill all assailants

Four gunmen with pistols stuffed into their socks attacked a luxury hotel frequented by foreigners in Afghanistan's capital Thursday, just hours after militants killed 11 people in an audacious assault on a police station in eastern Afghanistan.

All the assailants were killed in both standoffs, but made their point: Afghan forces face a huge challenge in upcoming elections, a major test of their abilities as foreign troops wind

**Defiant**

"Our people, if they decide to attack any place, they can do it."

Zabihullah Mujahid, Taliban spokesperson, claiming responsibility for Thursday's attacks in Kabul and Jalalabad

down their combat mission at the end of this year.

The attacks show the Taliban are following through on their threat to use violence to the disrupt April 5 vote, which will be the first democratic transfer of power since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion that ousted

the Islamic militant movement. President Hamid Karzai is constitutionally barred from seeking a third term.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the assault on the Serena hotel and the earlier attack in Jalalabad, an economic hub near the border with Pakistan.

The Taliban have carried out numerous attacks in Jalalabad, Kabul and other areas. The choice of a police station as a target reflected an effort to show they can still penetrate heavily secured areas despite numerous U.S. and Afghan offensives against them in recent years. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Syria. Assad's troops take over Crusader castle

Syrian troops captured a famed Crusader castle near the border with Lebanon on Thursday, running the two-starred government flag high above the stone ramparts of the 12th century fortress after days of intense clashes with rebel fighters.

Lebanese private broadcaster Al-Mayadeen TV aired footage of Syrian soldiers walking unopposed into the Crac des Chevaliers, the towering hilltop citadel. The loud crackle of celebratory gunfire could be heard as Syrians explored the sprawling castle, which is a UNESCO World Heritage

**Heritage site threatened**

The Crac des Chevaliers is considered one of the world's best-preserved castles from the era of the Crusades, but the war has been hard on it. Recent web videos show shelling and air strikes against its thick stone ramparts.

site.

This is the latest in a string of battlefield gains for President Bashar Assad's forces. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**Turkey**

### Three dead in roadblock attack

Three gunmen opened fire on security forces at a highway roadblock in central Turkey on Thursday, killing a soldier, a policeman and a truck driver whose vehicle they escaped in, the governor of the province of Nigde said.

Two of the men were later caught at a clinic seeking medical help for their wounds, said the governor.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan described it as a "terror act." No group was identified and a motive was not provided.

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# That doggy in the window? It's \$2M

**Some dog millionaire.**  
Tibetan mastiff breed a status symbol for China's super rich

A Chinese dog breeder said Thursday that a property developer paid him 18 million yuan (\$3 million) for Tibetan mastiff twins, highlighting how the breed has become a status symbol for China's rich.

The large, slobbery dog with massive amounts of hair used to be best known for herding sheep in Tibet, but has now become a luxury for the ultra-rich who want to spread their wealth beyond stocks and real estate.

Breeder Zhang Gengyun said he sold the one-year-old twin male dogs to a single buyer at a luxury dog fair Tuesday in wealthy Zhejiang province,



A man working for a dog breeder bids farewell to two Tibetan mastiffs he had been caring for outside a hotel in Tongxiang City in east China's Zhejiang province on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

located on China's east coast.

One of the twins, a golden-haired Tibetan mastiff, was sold for 12 million yuan, and his red-haired brother went

for 6 million yuan.

Zhang said the buyer paid him the 18 million yuan with his credit card. He denied the sale was a ploy by breeders to

hype the price of Tibetan mastiffs and said he was reluctant to sell the twins. "It's a real deal," he said.

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## Central African Republic. Turmoil at 'terrifying level,' UN official says

The UN's top human rights official warned Thursday that the hatred between Christian and Muslim communities in Central African Republic is "at a terrifying level" and a state of near-anarchy means even those carrying bloody machetes and holding severed body parts in their hands are not arrested.

Navi Pillay, UN high commissioner for human rights, described the situation as "almost total impunity" with "no justice, no law and order apart from that provided by foreign troops." Some 6,000 African peacekeepers and 2,000 French troops are working to stabilize the country, though they have a limited presence outside the capital of Bangui.

"I cannot help thinking that if the Central African Republic were not a poor country hidden away in the heart of Africa, the terrible events that have taken place — and continue to take place — would have stimulated a far stronger and more dynamic reaction by the outside world," Pillay said at a news



Navi Pillay KEYSTONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

conference in Bangui wrapping up her three-day visit.

"How many more children have to be decapitated, how many more women and girls will be raped, how many more acts of cannibalism must there be, before we really sit up and pay attention?"

Central African Republic descended into chaos one year ago when an alliance of mostly Muslim rebel groups in the country's north overthrew François Bozizé, the president of a decade.

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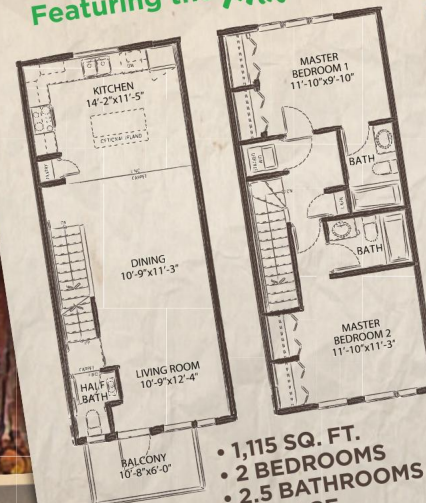
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# U.S. general gets fine, but no jail, in sex case

**Fort Bragg, N.C.**

Sinclair docked pay and reprimanded; sexual assault charges dropped in plea deal

A U.S. Army general who had a three-year affair with a captain and had two other inappropriate relationships with subordinates was reprimanded and docked \$20,000 in pay Thursday, avoiding jail time in one of the military's most closely watched trials.

Legal experts, a women's



U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

group and members of Congress condemned the sentence as shockingly light.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair was believed to be the highest-ranking U.S. military officer ever court-martialed on sexual assault charges, but earlier this week those charges were dropped when he pleaded guilty to inappropriate relationships.

Sinclair, 51, smiled and hugged his two lawyers in the courtroom.

"The system worked. I've always been proud of my army," he said afterward.

Rear Adm. Jamie Barnett, a lawyer who represented the captain, said she was disappointed with the sentence. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



## Protesting cost-cutting reforms in Greece

A protester stands in front of riot police securing the private office of Greek Public Administration Reform Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis in central Athens, on Thursday. Scores of striking schoolteachers and other civil servants occupied Mitsotakis's office to protest planned public sector layoffs, under cost-cutting reforms demanded by the country's bailout creditors. **THANNASIS STAVRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Doctor charged for role in Rwandan genocide

French judicial officials have filed preliminary charges related to Rwanda's genocide against a doctor who has lived and practiced in France for years.

Charles Twagira faces preliminary charges of crimes

against humanity and genocide, and complicity in each, over his alleged role in the wave of killings in Rwanda in 1994 that left at least 500,000 dead — mostly ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

A spokeswoman for the

Paris prosecutor's office said the charges Thursday follow a long investigation into allegations that Twagira had a hand in killings in the Rwandan town of Kibuye. He resides in Normandy and has French nationality. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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# Pistorius to sell his home to pay lawyers

**South Africa.** The Paralympic champion needs cash for the longer-than-expected murder trial; he pleaded not guilty

Oscar Pistorius is selling the house where Reeva Steenkamp died to raise money for his legal bills, the athlete's lawyer said Thursday.

Pistorius has not returned to the upscale Pretoria villa since the day his girlfriend was shot in a bathroom over a year ago and "cannot contemplate ever returning to live there again," lawyer Brian Webber said.

Pistorius, 27, had planned to keep his home "sealed" until after his ongoing murder trial, Webber said, but it is now necessary to sell it to fund his defence



Home of Oscar Pistorius in a gated complex in Pretoria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

because the double amputee's trial will last longer than the initial three-week period that was predicted. Pistorius valued the house at \$456,000 at his bail

hearing last year. He has not been back there since. Pistorius faces going to prison for 25 years to life if he is convicted on the murder charge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## America's First Lady in China

U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama arrives at Beijing Capital International Airport on Thursday. Mrs. Obama arrived in China with her mother, Marian Robinson, and her daughters, to kick off a six-day tour where she will focus on education and cultural exchange.

ALEXANDER F. YUAN/GETTY IMAGES

## India

### Court convicts five in gang rapes

An Indian court convicted five men Thursday for raping a photojournalist and a call-centre operator last summer inside an abandoned textile mill in the financial hub of Mumbai. The cases renewed calls to wipe out the scourge of sexual violence in India. The rapes happened in the same mill. Three men were convicted in both cases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Books vandalized

### Japan's PM to express regret

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will visit the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam this weekend to express regret over the recent vandalism at Tokyo libraries of hundreds of books on Frank. Abe will visit the museum Sunday, before he attends a summit in the Hague. A man has been arrested in the case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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B.C. is taking aim at its feral pig population. ELIZABETH CONLEY/DETROIT NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

# Pesky porkers on chopping block

**British Columbia.** Feral pigs can now be hunted year-round, without a permit

If they've got any sense, these pigs should fly — or at least find a really good hiding place.

The provincial government has declared open season on feral pigs, animals that have escaped from farms around B.C. and are now eat-

ing their way through local vegetation, uprooting crops and competing with native wildlife.

The animals, which can be aggressive and weigh up to 350 kilograms, have been included on a provincial list that allows them to be hunted at any time by anyone possessing a valid hunting licence.

A release from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations says escaped swine have been reported in the Lower Mainland, Kamloops, Okanagan,

Peace and Kootenay regions.

B.C.'s feral pig population is not large but the ministry says, once established, groups can be hard to root out, they can spread parasites and infectious diseases, and injured animals can be very dangerous.

Along with feral pigs, European wall lizards and non-native turtles have also been listed as Schedule C invasive species, meaning a permit is no longer required before trapping or killing them.

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## Game over?

### Search of landfill for Atari games put on pause

New Mexico environmental regulators are blocking two companies from digging up an Alamogordo, N.M., landfill in search of a rumoured cache of what some consider the worst Atari video game of all time.

E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial game cartridges were rumoured to have been dumped in the landfill in the 1980s. The games were part of truckloads of Atari merchandise that were supposedly disposed of there.

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## U.S. immigration. More than 100 people found crammed into Texas house

U.S. immigration authorities on Thursday were interviewing more than 100 people presumed to be in the country illegally after they were discovered crammed into a small house in the city of Houston.

Five men were also in custody, two of whom were arrested after driving from the home on Wednesday. Authorities suspect it was a so-called stash house, a place where smugglers bring the people they've brought into the U.S. illegally and keep them until they or their family members pay a ran-

som.

After police found handguns and documents in the car suggesting illegal activity, they went inside and found the people captive. Three other men were apprehended trying to flee after police arrived.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent Brian Moskowitz told a congressional hearing in Houston Thursday the five were held on offences that included hostage taking, weapons charges and conspiracy to harbour illegal immigrants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# Ukrainian warships seized

**Navy commander freed.** Rear Adm. Sergei Haiduk, civilians were held for hours after HQ in Sevastopol stormed Wednesday

Pro-Russian forces seized three Ukrainian warships Thursday as the U.S. announced new sanctions against Russia for its annexation of Crimea.

Shots were fired but there were no casualties as the Ukrainian corvette Khmelnytsky was seized in Sevastopol. Another ship, the Luts, was surrounded by pro-Russian forces and Ukrainian servicemen were seen disembarking the Ternopil corvette.

U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday expanded U.S. economic sanctions against Moscow, targeting President Vladimir Putin's chief of staff and 19 other individuals as well as a Russian bank that provides them sup-

port. Obama also said he had signed an executive order that would allow the U.S. to penalize key sectors of the Russian economy.

Within minutes of Obama's speech, Russia retaliated by banning entry to nine U.S. officials and lawmakers.

In an address to the German Parliament in Berlin, Chancellor Angela Merkel said the EU was readying further sanctions and that the G8 forum of leading economies had been suspended indefinitely. Russia holds the presidency of the G8 and Putin was due to host his counterparts at a G8 summit in Sochi in June.

With thousands of Ukrainian soldiers and sailors trapped on military bases, surrounded by heavily armed Russian forces and pro-Russia militia, the Kyiv government said it was drawing up plans to evacuate its outnumbered troops from Crimea back to the mainland. However, many servicemen have already switched sides to Russia.

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A man in an unmarked uniform, right, looks at Ukrainian crew members of the Ukrainian corvette Khmelnytsky as it was seized in Sevastopol, Crimea, Thursday. Pro-Russian crowds seized three Ukrainian warships Thursday. Shots were fired but there were no casualties. ANDREW LUBIMOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Senate leader orders check on CIA computers

**The classified report.**  
It concludes the CIA's use of coercive questioning was torture

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has instructed the Senate's chief law enforcement officer to examine the Intelligence Committee's computers amid an escalating fight between the CIA and lawmakers over access to secret documents about the agency's interrogation tactics during the Bush administration.

In a March 19 letter to CIA Director John Brennan, Reid

challenged the agency head's complaints that committee staff improperly accessed the agency's computers to obtain the documents, calling the allegation "patently absurd."

Last week, the head of the committee, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, questioned whether the agency broke the law and violated the U.S. Constitution in searching a computer network exclusively established for the committee.

Brennan has dismissed Feinstein's complaints.

The instructions to Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Terrance W. Gainer and the notification to Brennan ratcheted up a clash that pits Senate Democrats, led by Feinstein,

against President Barack Obama's head of the spy agency.

Determined to resolve the fight, Reid said he had "instructed the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms to initiate a forensic examination of the computers and computer network assigned for exclusive (committee) use, in order to determine how the 'Panetta review' entered into the (committee) network."

The committee is close to completing a 6,000-page report on the CIA's brutal interrogation tactics, including waterboarding, at secret sites after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

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## Italy rescues 4,000 migrants at sea

In this photo released by the Italian Navy Thursday, rescued migrants are about to be boarded on the San Giusto ship, background, along the Mediterranean sea. Italian authorities say they have rescued more than 4,000 would-be migrants at sea over the past four days as the war in Syria and instability in Libya spawn new waves of refugees. ITALIAN COAST GUARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Crown ready for trial

## Court refuses to hear Guy Turcotte appeal

The Supreme Court of Canada said Thursday it won't hear an appeal by a former Quebec cardiologist who is facing a new double-murder trial in the slayings of his young children.

Guy Turcotte was hoping the high court would hear his case for overturning a lower

court decision in an attempt to avoid a second first-degree murder trial in the killings.

As is standard practice in the case of applications for leave to appeal, the Supreme Court did not give reasons for its decision to reject Turcotte's bid.

Turcotte will face trial again for the deaths of his children, Olivier, 5, and Anne-Sophie, 3, who were stabbed a combined 46 times before

Turcotte tried to take his own life by ingesting windshield washer fluid.

His highly publicized trial heard that Turcotte was distraught over the abrupt end of his marriage and only remembered the night in flashes.

A spokesman for the Crown's office said it was satisfied with the Supreme Court's decision and is ready to proceed with a trial.

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## Bubble trouble: Gum sales have burst

A garbage bin sits full of bubble gum at Yankee Stadium in New York in 2010. U.S. gum sales have tumbled 11 per cent over the past four years. No one in the industry can pinpoint a single factor that's causing the decline — the theories include an unwillingness to shell out \$2 US or more for a pack in the bad economy or that advertising veered too far from underlining gum's cavity-fighting benefits. KATHY KMONICEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Ont. kickstarting new rules on crowdfunding

**Crowdsourcing ideas.**  
 Province leads way on proposed regulations for businesses raising funds from individuals online

The Ontario Securities Commission is proposing new rules to allow start-ups and early-stage businesses to raise up to \$1.5 million a year from

individuals through registered crowdfunding web portals.

Several other agencies, in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, said Thursday they'll also publish the Ontario proposals for comment at the same time.

But the British Columbia Securities Commission made it clear Thursday that it has a different approach in mind.

"The BCSC is not publishing the Ontario crowdfunding proposal at this time, but will monitor crowdfunding developments across the (Canadian Securities Administrators)," the B.C. agency said.

Entrepreneurs use crowdfunding to pitch their ideas directly to large numbers of consumers, who then invest typically small amounts in the startup. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Class action. GM lawsuits loom over ignitions

Class-action lawsuits against General Motors are beginning to pile up over the automaker's handling of defective ignition switches in 1.6 million small cars worldwide.

About 235,000 of those cars were sold in Canada, and at least two separate law firms are seeking to represent people who are looking for compensation, adding to several other suits in the United States.

Over the past week, Merchant Law Group LLP filed claims against the Detroit-based auto maker in Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan, saying that GM knowingly misled customers about safety issues by hiding its knowledge of the ignition problems.

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# WHAT HOT LOOKS LIKE IN CANADA

## 1 The "most hated man in America" dies.

It's not everyday that "84-year-old preacher dies of natural causes" trends big on Twitter. But Fred Phelps was not just any 84-year-old preacher from Kansas. He was often called "the most hated man in America" for his over-the-top, anti-gay protests. Fred and his followers explained the massacre of the little kids at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., as God's wrath for America's acceptance of homosexuality. He would turn up at military burials carrying signs that said "God Hates Fags" and "Thank God for Dead Soldiers." No one knows where Fred is today, but it's probably as hot as ...

## 2 Katy Perry. Just so we keep all this in perspective.

There's hot and there's Katy-Perry hot. Since her new video was released on Feb. 20, it has been viewed



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122,263,013 times. What do you expect from someone who has 51 million Twitter followers? She wiggles her nose and it's a global event. The video in question is an amusing parable of ancient Egypt, featuring Katy in various fanciful Egyptian queen outfits hip-hop dancing. And it wouldn't be a Katy Perry video without a controversy: In this one, a suitor is turned to dust while wearing a pendant that appears to display the word Allah in Arabic. After a petition of 100,000 names was collected demanding YouTube remove the video, Katy's team digitally removed the pendant. What pendant?

## 3 Oh, yeah, Vladimir Putin invades Crimea.

Putin, by contrast, has 20,851 followers. He takes over Crimea on Tuesday and his followers increase by 262. That perspective thing.

## 4 Alison Redford rides off into the Alberta sunset.

She's not Katy Perry, but it wasn't so long ago that Alison Red-

ford could be considered the Queen of Alberta, if not the Queen of the Nile. But her fortunes went a---backwards recently as she stubbornly refused to pay back expenses incurred on a trip to Nelson Mandela's funeral. By the time she gave in it was too late. Members of her caucus started resigning and she faced a revolt from as many as two dozen MLAs. Given no choice, she resigned, eclipsing the earlier resignation this week of national Tory Finance Minister Jim Flaherty. That's what "hot" looks like in Canada.

**5 Not hot. At all.** The first day of spring officially began on Thursday at 12:57. You might have missed it if your sun dial was buried under the snow. Thanks to global warming, spring begins about three weeks earlier than it did in the '70s, according to National Geographic. That's good news in places like Winnipeg, which has just survived the third coldest winter in over a century.

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## ZOOM

# We've got cuteness on hand



RICHARD AUSTIN/REX FEATURES

## Tiny loris saved by zoo staff

Keepers at Paignton Zoo in Devon, southwest England are caring for a rare baby that weighed little more than a CD at birth. The pygmy slow loris (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) — which weighed 22 grams when it was born — was one of two born to a first-time mother. Sadly, one twin did not survive and keepers stepped in to save the other when its mother abandoned it. **METRO**

## Weighs as much as a dessert spoon

Seven keepers now take turns to feed the baby both day and night. As slow lorises are nocturnal, the youngster is more active and needs more feeds overnight. Now, at around a month old, it has gone from 22 grams — less than a single AA battery — to over 30 grams — the weight of a dessert spoon. When fully grown the primate will only weigh around 500 grams or less. **METRO**

## Quoted

"You have to take care not to squirt the milk into the lungs — you have to let the baby suckle at its own rate. We are just moving on to feeding some solids now — small amounts of mashed, boiled sweet potato."

Lewis Rowden, zookeeper

## Where to find them

- **Habitat.** Jungles of south-eastern Asia.
- **Venom.** One of the only poisonous mammals in the world; lorises inject venom through their sharp bite.
- **Status.** Endangered due to habitat loss and hunting for illegal pet trade.

## Clickbait



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## Letters

## RE: And The Most Famous Canadian Is..., published March 19

I wish to express my dismay at Paul Sullivan's column discussing the problems with the recent MIT research project about the most famous Canadian. In his column, he made repeated reference to "somebody named Chris Benoit" who he has never heard of. For his reference, Chris Benoit is a former professional wrestler who murdered his wife and son before committing suicide.

I hope that in this case, Mr. Sullivan just couldn't be bothered to

do a simple Google search to find out this information. The alternative is that he knew about Benoit and his actions, and still felt it suitable to use his name as a punchline to an otherwise decently-made point about the inaccuracy of the source list.

In either case, I feel that the repeated reference to Chris Benoit in this column was in very poor taste. I very much agree that I would not want to see Benoit listed as a famous Canadian, but not just because there are other Canadians deserving greater recognition.

I welcome Mr. Sullivan to apologize for this oversight.

**Chuck Gibbons, Toronto**

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## Synopsis

The story picks up one second after the last one ended. Kermit, Miss Piggy and the gang are on Hollywood Boulevard after their big comeback, wondering what to do next. A meeting with talent agent Dominic Badguy (Ricky Gervais) seems to provide an answer. Against Kermit's best judgment the Muppets accept Badguy's offer of a European tour to open in "the world capital of comedy, Berlin, Germany." What they don't know is that Badguy is an associate of Constantine, the planet's most notorious criminal and a dead ringer for Kermit. The evil scheme is to replace Kermit with Constantine, and use the Muppets as a cover for an ingenious plan to steal the Crown Jewels. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Steve: ●●●●●

## Reel Guys

### RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Kermit is joined by the usual suspects as he faces dastardly doppelgänger Constantine in *Muppets Most Wanted*. CONTRIBUTED

# Muppets in heist gear

**Slapstick caper.**  
The Muppets roots are showing in cameo-packed sequel

**Richard:** Steve, the new film from Jim Henson's felt and fur creations is being billed as a sequel to the 2011 Jason Segel *Muppets* film, but it isn't really. It's more a return to the Muppet movies of old, packed to the gills with show biz in jokes, puns, songs and even a Swedish Chef homage to Ingmar Bergman. It's more akin to *The Great Muppet Caper* than the most recent movie. Segel's Muppet movie played heartstrings like Eric Clapton strums the blues; *Muppets Most Wanted* has more of an edge. Well, as much of an edge as a movie starring Kermit and Miss Piggy could have. Did you sense that?

**Steve:** I don't know if edge is quite the word I'd use to describe it. It's definitely got darker elements but unfortunately, the gimmicky plot of replacing Kermit with an evil doppelgänger felt forced and less natural than Segel's earnest version. Of course, even the filmmakers were aware of that and smartly addressed the impossible expectation of sequels in the opening number. That kind of self-consciousness worked better in the last movie but I certainly thought the songs in *Muppets Most Wanted* surpassed the 2011 film. We even get to hear Ricky Gervais sing!

**RC:** I'm not sure I agree. The human characters — notably Gervais, Tina Fey as Nadya, a lusty Russian prison guard, and Ty Burrell as an outrageous Interpol agent — are just as broad as

the puppets, which provides some laughs, but the emotional impact is blunted. To place it in an old Hollywood context, it's more the slapstick of Abbott and Costello than the restrained, sweet comedy of Charlie Chaplin. I liked Segel's take on the sweetness of the Muppets, but having said that, this movie made me laugh.

**SG:** It's true. It is fairly funny all the way through. It's probably slightly unfair to measure this film against its predecessors anyhow — even if it does lack some of the pure warmth of Segel's. And it was fun to see all the talent showing up in clever cameo appearances — especially Ray Liotta and Danny Trejo as prisoners-turned-aspiring showmen. However, even the sheer bulk of celebrities feels slightly distracting. They should just

let the Muppets do the work.

**RC:** I agree. The Muppets bring a good deal of goodwill with them and the movie shines brighter as a result. It's hard not to giggle at the gags but an exchange between Fozzie and Walter hits a bit too close to an uncomfortable plot truth. "Looks like he's planning some kind of heist bit," Fozzie says of Constantine. "I hope not," replies Walter, "they never work." That's a gag, this one works, but because of the Muppets, not because of the human stars.

**SG:** In the end, the fans that are going to pay to see *Muppets Most Wanted* will already have a good idea what they're in for. Besides, as that aforementioned opening musical number states, "everyone knows the sequel's not quite as good."

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The 2011 reboot of The Muppets gave new life to the singing and dancing animal troupe that enjoyed a first wave of fame in the 1970s and '80s. The success of The Muppets lead to the upcoming sequel, Muppets Most Wanted, in which the gang gets sucked into a jewel-heist caper by a dastardly Kermit the Frog lookalike. Framed for crimes they didn't commit, the Muppets' rap sheets are out, so the public can help track them down

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# Muppets Most Wanted!

## Kermit the Frog

**Alias:** The Green One, Kermie, La Rana René in Mexico, Caco o Sapo in Brazil



### Distinguishing characteristics:

Known to play the banjo and sing, this frog from humble swamp beginnings dates a pig and has a history of leading hordes of animals in the pursuit of becoming rich and famous.

## Miss Piggy

**Alias:** Piggy

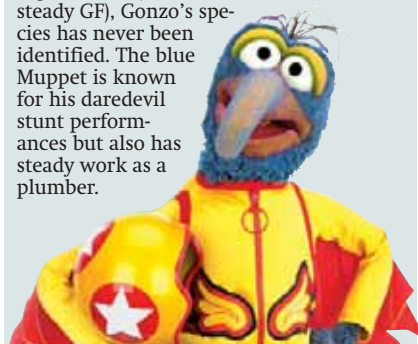
**Distinguishing characteristics:** In an on-again, off-again relationship with Mr. The Frog, Miss Piggy is known for her dramatic entrances, her "Hi-YAH" karate chops and a temper that is only outmatched by her feminine wiles.



## Gonzo

**Alias:** The Great Gonzo, Gonzo the Great

**Distinguishing characteristics:** With a crooked nose and predilection for dating chickens (Camilla is his steady GF), Gonzo's species has never been identified. The blue Muppet is known for his daredevil stunt performances but also has steady work as a plumber.



## Walter

**Alias:** No known alias

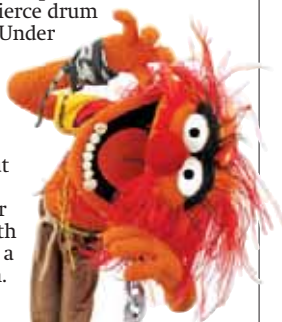
**Distinguishing characteristics:** A lifelong fanboy of the Muppets, Walter worked his way into the inner circle of Muppetdom when in 2011 he saved the group from having its studio and name bought by the evil Tex Richman (Chris Cooper) in The Muppets.



## Animal

**Alias:** AH-NI-MAL!!!!!!

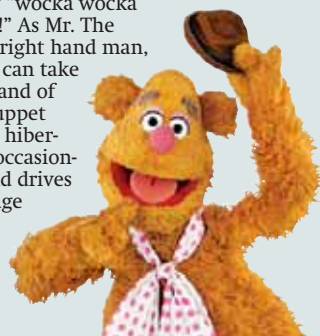
**Distinguishing characteristics:** Speaking only in verbs and nouns, this drummer for Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem has a monosyllabic power that is channeled into his fierce drum solo freakouts. Under the tutelage of Jack Black in 2011, Animal was treated for anger management issues, but eschewed the therapy in favor of reuniting with the Muppets as a drummer again.



## Fozzie

**Alias:** Fozzizwig

**Distinguishing characteristics:** This bear comedian is unable to tell a bad pun joke without punctuating it with an exclamation of "wocka wocka wocka!" As Mr. The Frog's right hand man, Fozzie can take command of the Muppet horde, hibernates occasionally and drives a vintage Studebaker.



## Pepe the King Prawn

**Alias:** Pepino Rodrigo Serrano Gonzales, The Crustacean Casanova

**Distinguishing characteristics:** This six-limbed Spaniard joined the Muppets in 1999 with Muppets from Space. Known as an artist and "crustacean Casanova" to females of most species, the tiny-headed shrimp lets his accent do most of the romancing. He is known to enjoy donning a pink tutu, particularly for the film Prawn Lake.



## Scooter

**Alias:** No known alias

**Distinguishing characteristics:** As a top logistics man for the Muppet operation, the green sport jacket-clad stage manager is the coordinator extraordinaire for most any Muppet caper. Before their re-union in 2011 (The Muppets) Scooter enjoyed a full-time gig at Google.





# SXSW roles that got us going

**Film fest farewell roundup.** Three guys and a funny gal who turned our heads



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Metro World News in Hollywood

As we bid this year's SXSW film festival adieu, here's a look at some of the individual performances that really got our attention, hopefully making their way to a theater near you before too long.

**John Gallagher Jr. — The Heart Machine**

John Gallagher Jr. follows up last year's fest-winning Short Term 12 with *The Heart Machine*, by first-time writer-director Zachary Wigon, about a man (Gallagher) who starts to suspect his long-distance girlfriend isn't as far away as she's led him to believe.

**On examining paranoia and suspicion in romantic relationships:**

"Someone once told me if you're playing poker, one of the worst things you can do is go full tilt, which is when you start spiraling out of control. You start second-guessing everything, and it's really an altered state," Gallagher says. "That is certainly something that I've felt in past relationships when I've become suspicious or jealous or convinced that I'm not being told the full story. Logic just goes absolutely out the window immediately. I loved the idea of my character in the film spending the whole movie in that place, because it's a terrible place to operate from, and it's an awful feeling."

**On using Skype on the set:**

"I remember the script and being really scared that you'd have to shoot them separately or something or that you actually wouldn't be able to do it in real time together, but Zach made it very apparent immediately that the intention was fully each time we would always be acting with each other on the screen," he says.

**Josh Lucas — The Mend**

*The Sweet Home Alabama* and *American Psycho* star has always been a tricky one to peg down, and here he goes off the rails completely as Mat, a dilapidated wastrel who commandeers his younger brother's apartment and generally makes a mess in director John Magary's feature debut.

**On the unique psychology of Mat:**

"This is a guy I feel who's justifying giving up. It's a guy who has lost, and he's basically saying, 'I lost because I don't give a f—,'" Lucas says. "And the reality is they went hand in hand. He started to lose because he didn't give a f—. It's a kind of personality that to be honest with you, more and more in my life, I'm trying to stay away from thinking those thoughts, because they lead to where he goes which is basically homelessness, really. My sense is he's kind of rotting from within. Look, I know there are times in my life where I've drank too much, smoked too much, and this is a guy who's always in this space where his insides just don't feel good. I think in a sense he's constantly hungover, and that feeling is there even



John Gallagher Jr. in *The Heart Machine*. CONTRIBUTED



Josh Lucas in *The Mend*. CONTRIBUTED

when he's not."

**On doing it old-school:**

"This is something I'm really frustrated by these days with filmmaking: Hand-held is really f—ing lazy. It really is. And it's really often quite hard to watch. We're getting used to this lazy qual-

ity of filmmaking that way. And this was precise, preparation, 'This shot with this camera movie,' and I feel it throughout the whole movie. It makes a big difference."

**Rosa Salazar — May the Best Man Win**

In the fairly low-brow and male-dominated world of prank comedy that dominates the envelope-pushing *May the Best Man Win*, Rosa Salazar doesn't only hold her own against her male co-stars, she easily outshines them. It's easy to see why her male counterparts (Whitmer Thomas and Drew Tarver) would engage in an escalating series of dangerous dares to win her affections.

**On the freedom of improvisation while pulling pranks:**

"There was so much freedom, especially when you're with one of the victims," Salazar

says. "When you're with a mark you can say whatever you want because you have to get them to go that way to get the best stuff from them. I was pretty OK with everything. I was hoping we would cross a few lines."

**On what she's learned about herself during this process:**

"I'm starting to feel like I'm not a human with human emotions," she says. "I mean, I have no shame. I auditioned, and I remember on the way there being like, 'This is going to be so f—ing fun.' The audition was the audition prank, and I was like, 'I get to hit people?'"

**Harry Lloyd — Big Significant Things**

British actor Harry Lloyd has played some pretty dastardly characters on *Game of Thrones* and *Doctor Who*, but

those paled in comparison to the challenge of passing himself off as American in *Big Significant Things*, in which he plays a young man running away from his life for quick trip to the South all by himself.

**On stressing over getting the accent right.**

"The main thing I was worried about was the accent. The film will just die if the main guy you're spending time with, if there's any hint of anything [British] it's just going to be a nightmare," Lloyd says. "And accents, I always just get very annoyed about. So I did something I've never done before, which was I kept up the accent for a couple of months — which actually was a nightmare, and I'm not sure it was very helpful in the end."

**On tapping into suspended adolescence:**

"It's a very male thing. I'm going to do good things, I'm going to do something that a woman would be proud of, but first of all I need to do something just silly and stupid for myself because I'm still a little boy secretly." And I understand that," he says. "I think it's a weird time to be a guy. I mean, I don't have any point of comparison since I've only been a guy the time I've been a guy, but yeah. The fact that we had these childhoods where we were told we could do anything, and we didn't fight a war, our parents didn't fight a war, so we were promised it all. And then at what point do you think, actually no, I need to pick something and get on with it and the world isn't different for me and just kind of join the human race?"

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## Action/Sci-fi



## Divergent

Director. Neil Burger

Stars. Kate Winslet,  
Theo James

This is an action-adventure is set in a world where people are divided into factions based on human virtues. This Prior (Shailene Woodley) is warned she is Divergent and will never fit into any one group. When she discovers a conspiracy by a faction leader (Kate Winslet) to destroy all Divergents, Iris must learn to trust in the mysterious Four (Theo James) and find out what makes being Divergent so dangerous before it's too late.

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## Playing it old-school.

Godfather III actor helped develop his real-life gangster role in Rob the Mob



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Twenty-four years after The Godfather: Part III, Andy Garcia has graduated to mob boss, playing real-life gangster Big Al in director Raymond De Felitta's Rob the Mob. The true-life tale recounts the crime family's undoing at the hands to two unwitting small-time crooks (Michael Pitt and Nina Arianda).

### Our culture continues to be drawn to organized crime stories.

I think it's part of a genre that all the generations have grown up with, if you look back to the days of James Cagney and Bogart. It's perme-

ated the tapestry of American film. And then The Godfather, obviously, was a pretty sensational book about it, and film. And between the Godfather films and Goodfellas and some of the other works that explored the Italian-American cinematic existence, it's part of our fascination and a genre unto itself. The trick for Raymond is to see how he can cover this ground in a way hopefully that has not been covered, sort of seeing the mob in decline. And this really happened. That family took a big hit because of what happened with these kids. That's all the real story.

### Was that part of the appeal for you, that it's based in fact?

It is a fascinating story, and the fact that it's true makes it even more fascinating, you know? If it was made up it would still be interesting, but the fact that it actually happened gives another layer to it. It adds an authenticity to the story that makes it unique. So that was one



Andy Garcia CHARLES SYKES/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

thing, but for me it was really more about the relationship I had with Raymond. There was a potential to develop this character even further than what was on the page.

### I'm having a hard time with films that take place in the

### '90s being considered period pieces.

Well, it is the past. It's almost 25 years now. I guess we're just fortunate that we're still around to remember them. Anything outside of this decade I guess would be considered a period film.

### You're playing a very domesticated crime boss.

We wanted to try to do something when we started to develop the character and the part, to try to do something hopefully was not a character that has been visited before and try to shed some perspective on who this person might be. So we ended up being more interested in his domestic side. Ray and the writers and I all collaborated on this new arc that wasn't initially in the original draft.

### It's a nice counterpoint to John Gotti, who's criticized in the film for being too flashy.

Right, right. Yeah, this is a throwback more to the guy who doesn't want to be noticed, you know? He's just a guy in the neighborhood who has a food business. That's akin a lot to the old Meyer Lansky types, where people know what he's about, but he's just an old, retired Jewish man who walks his dog up and down Collins Avenue.

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Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G) Fri-Thu 4:15  
Free Birds (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-7:10  
Gravity (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:30-9:50  
Her (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-9:50  
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:35-8:15  
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:30  
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-7:15-10:05  
Lone Survivor (14A) Fri-Thu 3:35-9:45  
RoboCop (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7-9:55  
Saving Mr. Banks (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-6:45-9:35  
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40  
Walking With Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-Thu 12:0-7:20  
Winter's Tale (PG) Fri-Thu 4:10-6:50

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300: Rise of an Empire 3D (18A) Fri 2:30-5:20-7:55-10:25 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5:20-7:55-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:20-7:55-10:25  
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Elton John: The Million Dollar Piano (PG) Wed 7:30  
Frozen (G) Fri-Thu 1  
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri 1:25 Sat 11-1:25 Sun-Thu 1:25  
The LEGO Movie 3D (G) Fri-Thu 3:55-6:30-9  
The Little Rascals (STC) Sat 11  
The Monuments Men (PG) Fri 1:10-4-6:50-9:35 Sat 4-6:50-9:35 Sun 4:20-7-9:45  
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Inside Llewyn Davis (14A) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 2-4-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9  
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**SOUND CHECK**  
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Courtney Barnett, an '80s revival and a tribute that is pretty, pretty, pretty good

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## Arcade Fire, Sarah McLachlan added as Juno performers

Arcade Fire, OneRepublic and Sarah McLachlan have been added to the list of performers at the upcoming Juno Awards.

The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, which runs the televised music bash, says OneRepublic will perform their latest single, Counting Stars, while McLachlan will debut the song Beautiful Girl from her upcoming album, Shine On.

Arcade Fire, however, will appear via a taped performance due to touring commitments. The Montreal-based band — scheduled to be in Chile that same weekend — is up for a leading six nominations, including album of the year.

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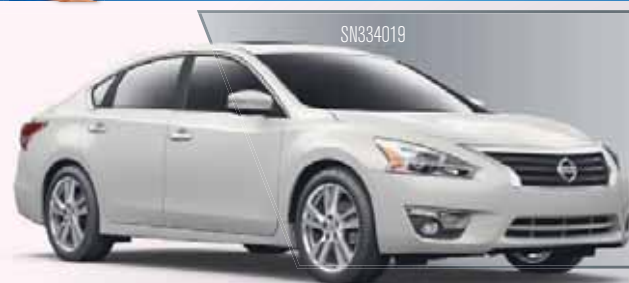
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# Alexander Ludwig is Bjorn to be wild

**Q&A.** Vikings star talks about playing a young warrior — and why Bjorn would kick Cato's butt in a fight

**MEREDITH ENGEL**  
Metro World News

You might know Canadian actor Alexander Ludwig as Cato, the ill-fated brutish Career tribute in The Hunger Games. Now, he's taking on another tough-guy role, that of bold and bestial Bjorn, son of young warrior Ragnar, in season two of History's Vikings.

"I think Bjorn is kind of a diamond in the rough," says Ludwig. "He's really got a good heart. He can be vicious and he can be mean — he was known to be an incredible warrior — but deep down he does have a heart of gold."

## Were you nervous about joining an already established cast?

Yeah, it's always a little intimidating when you're joining a cast that's been around, but they welcomed (me) with open arms and we got along super well. I had already met (my mother and father on the show) back in Los Angeles, so when I got back to Ireland we were just reuniting.

## You're filming in Ireland?

We're filming in Dublin. I'd been to Dublin once before with my family but it was very short. It's great because now I'm older and I get to really experience it by myself, which I love. We're living there for like a full four or five months. It's unbelievable.



Alexander Ludwig describes his character on Vikings as having a good heart, deep down. CONTRIBUTED

## Was moving to another country a big of a culture shock?

I always heard Ireland was great but the people there are just so giving and they will really go out of their way, even if they don't know you, just to make sure you're having a good time and you are taken care of. They're really just a warm-hearted people and that kind of just shocked me because I wasn't expecting that. And they have a great music scene,

which I love.

## Let's talk about your costumes — or maybe in your case, your lack thereof.

For the most part I am clothed. (Laughs) It's unbelievable what they've done with the costumes and I give a lot of props to the costume department. They've gone above and beyond and researched exactly what (the characters) would look like back then, and a lot of the material they make it out of

is how they actually made their costumes back then. It really just makes it so much easier as an actor; you don't have to pretend to be a Viking at all. The sets are so exceptional and the clothing is so real you already feel you're in it.

## Did you know much about Vikings before joining the show?

No, and I think that's why Vikings is doing so well — it is a part of history that not a

lot of people know about, so there's very little to go off.

## What are the challenges of playing someone who's so long gone?

I think there's a lot more freedom just because it was so long ago. There's very little for me to go off of. I think the only pressure really came from the fact that the character has already been established in the first season, so I took it upon myself to really ensure that there were

## Quoted

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Alexander Ludwig on the costumes in Vikings

certain fundamentals that I wanted to stay consistent with my character, like the depth of his character and his earnestness.

Bjorn was a very powerful Viking and he was able to command a lot of attention at a young age. I think a lot of that has to come from the fact that he was very sincere and he rarely smiled — when he did it really meant something. Everything he did had a purpose and in that way he was also a very intellectual and loving person. I wanted to keep that depth to him, but also, four years have gone by since you last saw him and a lot can change, so I wanted also to show that maturity to him now.

## Who would win in a fight between Bjorn and Cato?

Bjorn would win. He's just so vicious. I think a lot of people were confused about why Vikings were so great, and why they would always win their battles — the equipment they carried wasn't nearly as good as what everybody else carried, but they were still able to prevail, and they had less people but they still were able to prevail.

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# About a girl: all-female tribute bands steal the show from male mentors

**Cover girls.** Rock 'n' roll rebels give macho material a much-needed makeover

Clutching the microphone in her leather-gloved hand, Vanessa Dunn strutted onstage with wild abandon, crouching toward the swaying crowd as she wailed about giving "every inch" of her love.

A beat later, the frontwoman for Toronto's Vag Halen whipped off her tank top to belt out the rest of Led Zeppelin's Whole Lotta Love bare-chested.

Inside the Art Gallery of Ontario, where the show was held last June, the crowd roared its approval.

For Dunn, the gesture felt "incredibly natural," she said in a recent interview — nothing more than what male rock stars have done for decades without anyone batting an eye.

But even a casual move can sometimes send a powerful message, the singer discovered after receiving a letter from a fan.

"This woman was telling me there was just this energy that happened in the room that was like ... 'We could do that, too. Someone just did what all of us want to do,'" she said.

"That's what I've heard



Vag Halen lead singer Vanessa Dunn performs in Toronto. ALEJANDRO SANTIAGO

more, that when they see me up there and all of us up there doing what we do onstage, it's more like, 'Oh, it's for the taking, I can do that.'"

A rising star on the burgeoning scene of all-female cover and tribute bands — the group played at the Venice Biennale last May — Vag Halen makes no bones about

reclaiming rock and roll's traditionally male, heterosexual voice.

It's a way of making peace with beloved but often problematic hits from rock heavyweights such as Led Zeppelin, Guns N' Roses and the band's namesake Van Halen, Dunn said, while creating more space for women in an indus-

try where they still face significant barriers.

"It's using the gun that was pointed at you back on somebody else," she said.

The movement has drawn high-profile praise, including from pop culture writer Chuck Klosterman, who once wrote that the American group Lez Zeppelin might be "the most

## Quoted

"That's what I've heard more, that when they see me up there and all of us up there doing what we do onstage, it's more like, 'Oh, it's for the taking, I can do that.'"

Vanessa Dunn, frontwoman, Vag Halen  
on women's reactions to her band

powerful all-female band in rock history."

And Sheezer, a Toronto mainstay in recent years, got Weezer's stamp of approval when lead singer Rivers Cuomo mentioned the band in a tweet.

Yet some in the scene are less eager to draw attention to the politics surrounding their act, though they acknowledge it's impossible to skirt the issue entirely.

"All-female bands are not as common as all-male bands," and inevitably stand out as a result, said Carly Beath, lead singer of the Toronto-based Nirvana tribute band Hervana, which had its first show this month.

The group came together last year, its members all accomplished musicians in their 30s who "just happen to be women" and don't want to be defined by their gender, Beath said.

Many all-female tribute bands deliberately choose groups with misogynist lyrics, but Hervana's source material already has a feminist slant, so it's more a matter of celebrat-

ing rather than reclaiming it, she said.

"Nirvana songs are the songs I first learned to play when I was learning guitar, so we thought it would be fun to go back to the songs we started with," she said.

The same goes for Sheezer, whose main goal is to have fun playing music they love, the band's agent Jen Rogers said.

Dunn argues women-only tribute bands can't help but be subversive, whether they intend it or not.

"If you're going to do covers and choose an all-male catalogue ... that's inherently feminist," she said.

That the message comes in a fun, energetic performance helps explain the appeal, said Ken McLeod, an assistant professor of history and culture at the University of Toronto.

"It's managing not to take itself too seriously" while delivering a mix of critique and homage, he said. "It's fun and political at the same time." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Game Developers Choice Awards. The Last of Us picks up game of the year

The Last of Us, a gripping post-apocalyptic survival saga created by developer Naughty Dog for the PlayStation 3, has picked up the game of the year trophy at the 14th annual Game Developers Choice Awards ceremony in San Francisco. The Last of Us also won the awards for best design and narrative.

"I can't stress (enough) what a collaboration it is to put something like this together," said creative director Neil Druckmann, who was joined on stage at the Moscone Center by dozens of Last of Us developers.

Irrational Games' slick sky-high shooter BioShock Infinite nabbed the awards for best audio and visual art, while Lucas Pope's quirky 8-bit immigration agent simulator Papers,



A scene from the video game The Last of Us. NAUGHTY DOG/SONY COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT AMERICA

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"If the criteria is fastest to download, Papers, Please is 40 megabytes zipped," joked Pope. "It's a little unfair, but I'll take it."

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# Leguizamo brings Ghetto Klown to HBO

**Last autobiographical performance.** The candid method actor and comedian has taken the traumatic moments from his life and made them funny in order to move on

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Metro World News

Those who couldn't catch John Leguizamo's one-man career retrospective, *Ghetto Klown*, when it was on Broadway and on tour now have another chance to see the rowdy, emotional performance: It's coming to HBO Canada Saturday night.

After four stand-up specials for HBO, Leguizamo is comfortable baring all on stage (emotionally, that is). "You do develop a callus," he says.

But Leguizamo wouldn't be able to be so vulnerable if he weren't in tune with himself — a practice that he credits his therapist in helping him with.

"You can't have a show like this and not go to therapy," says the actor and comedian, who is very open about the fact that he sees a therapist.

"You have to be very self-aware and want to be self-aware to be able to write a show about yourself, and a

good show."

Leguizamo says that there was no way he could present an honest account of his life without touching upon negative experiences ("The audience knows when you're fast-forwarding," he says). He believes that turning his tough times — like his tough relationship with his dad and his divorce — into art help him reframe the narrative and move on from them.

"A lot of artists use art to take control of it," he says. "You recreate it lots of times until you can let it go."

"I'm taking all my traumatic moments, making them funnier than they actually were, but reworking them and having control over them this time, as opposed to them controlling me. When you're making the art you're the god, and then you can see all the sides of it and it gives you distance. Then it's not so toxic."

The show took eight years to develop, and Leguizamo worked to ensure it ran "like a clock."

"I'm one person and I'm doing a lot of emotional things," he says. "I have to have certain things be right on time and right on schedule so that I can just

be a springboard and fly, not thinking about anything." Being a method actor helps, he adds, because "it teaches you how to be crazy in front of a lot of people."

Leguizamo says *Ghetto Klown* is his "magnum opus" and that it's his last autobiographical performance. Up next, he'll be doing a political or historical per-

formance of vignettes, in a tribute to his hero, Jonathan Winters.

"This is my masterpiece. This is it. I'm not spending eight years on anything

anymore — I can't do that. That was an incredible marathon, and it was worth the run, but now I need to do something totally different."

## When to watch

• *Ghetto Klown* airs Saturday at 10 p.m. on HBO Canada.

## Rated R

**Not for the kids.** Leguizamo's wife, Justine, has seen *Ghetto Klown*, but his two teenagers haven't — and won't until they've graduated college, he says. "They know it's inappropriate and they're not allowed," he says. "It's a lot of personal things that I'm not ready to share with them." By the time they're 21 though, "they'll have life experience," he says. "They'll understand a little bit."

• **Wild and crazy.** Sometimes Leguizamo's Broadway audience took the show's party atmosphere to the next level. "I love the reactions from the audience and I think that's part of what feeds the show, but yeah, in the end it's still a theater piece," he says. "You know, Broadway for some reason, the owners felt like my show could tolerate people bringing the drinks to their chairs, in super-size cups, so there was a lot of inappropriate behaviour going on in my theatre." And we're talking more than phones going off. "I almost crashed head to head with this guy because he ran onstage as I was going offstage," he says.



John Leguizamo bares all in *Ghetto Klown*, but says that the performance is therapeutic. CRAIG BLANKENHORN/HBO

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# Somehow, she just didn't see it coming

**You Should Have Known.** Jean Hanff Korelitz's latest novel is inspired by women who don't see trouble when it's right in front of them

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Metro World News in New York City

Most people pride themselves on knowing when someone is lying. When we hear about former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer's outrageous illicit affairs or Bernie Madoff's massive Ponzi scheme, we look at their smart and stylish wives and think, "She must have known, right? How could she not have?" This "should have known" belief is the idea behind Jean Hanff Korelitz's latest novel.

The book's protagonist is Grace, a therapist living the life she's always wanted. Married to a sympathetic pediatric oncologist, she has an intelligent and respectful son and has just written a highly anticipated self-help book cautioning women to hear what men are telling them at the very beginning of a relationship. But when Grace's husband goes missing and she finds herself in the middle of a media frenzy, she's left wondering how she could have missed her own advice.

According to Korelitz, you'd be surprised how many smart women have their own "should have known" moment.

"The British publisher asked everyone who worked at the publishing company to submit their 'should have known' moments and I got to pick the winner," she says.

"These women are very, very smart. They're working for this great publisher, yet they all seem to have some story where you wanted to look at them and think, 'Really? Really?'"

The winner of the aforementioned contest was a woman who went on a first date with a guy who told her that he saw sexuality as free-flowing and not something you can put in a box.

"She dated him for years and, of course, he turned out

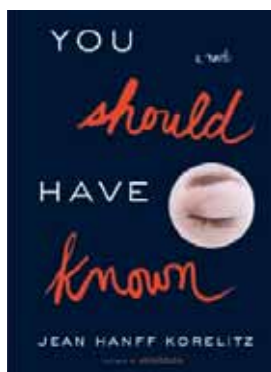


Author Jean Hanff Korelitz's protagonists are often smart, independent women. CONTRIBUTED

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"Every single one of my novels starts with a woman who seems to have her s— together but is destroyed by the middle or end of the book."

Jean Hanff Korelitz, author



to be gay," Korelitz muses.

Like Korelitz's other novels — among them Admission — this one is about a smart, independent woman who isn't entirely likeable.

"Every single one of my novels starts with a woman who seems to have her s— together but is destroyed by the middle or end of the book," she says. "If this is an unconscious choice, it's so unconscious that it might as well be conscious. It's an overwhelming compara-

tive, almost, to look at these women and basically take them apart and strip them down and see what's left."

In this novel, the principal character is a much different woman than the one you meet at the beginning of the book. You, too, just might be changed after finishing You Should Have Known — a little more discerning, a little more aware, and a little less critical of those wives the camera pans to during the next high-profile press conference.

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# Music purist Young's Pono system hit some bum notes during SXSW pitch

**Costly.** Canadian rocker's quest to bring 'vinyl-quality sound' to the MP3 masses hit a few snags, and may face uphill battle to succeed

Say what you will about Neil Young: he's blunt, he's mercurial, he doesn't "realize that there are other people involved in this world," as Graham Nash puts it in his recent autobiography.

But there's one adjective you couldn't imagine applying to him, at least not until he made his session at SXSW for his portable, high-fidelity music system, Pono: pitchman. As Torstar News Service observed from Austin, Young is on a quest to "bring vinyl-quality sound to a generation of music consumers accustomed to listening to thin MP3 files through laptop speakers and earbuds 'that look like lozenges.'"

For music lovers — especially music lovers of a certain age — it's a tantalizing promise: a chance to hear music like it used to sound, before those kids with their MP3s and iPhones and their insistence that music consumption be, above all else, convenient got their hands on it.

But watching the livestream of Young's extended infomercial, we began to get a sinking feeling, and here's why.

## 1. The product is aimed at out-of-home listening.

If we want vinyl-quality sound in our living room, we'll just play records. A

## SXSW pitch

- In a roundabout way, Neil Young conceded to an audience at this year's SXSW that the Pono and its accompanying iTunes-esque delivery service might be strictly for the serious audiophile.
- But he touched a definite nerve with the crowd when he lamented that the rise of the MP3 and the one-off digital single had done irreparable damage to rock 'n' roll's veneration of the album as a sacred form.
- With Pono, he promised, "you get to feel not just what the artist intended you to feel" and — if the original

recordings warrant it — it'll make your car or your headphones "sound like God."

- Young also managed to rally a list of rock royals that included Bruce Springsteen, Jack White, Dave Grohl, Arcade Fire, Duane Eddy and many others to provide a web video testimony of

the system's power in a reel that ran midway through his SXSW session.



We don't want to buy it again.

## 4. You can already buy the music in the same format and quality that the Pono music store will be selling in October.

As the SXSW presentation made explicit, Pono is not a new format. It plays FLAC (Free Lossless Audio Codec) files. Sites with extensive repertoires, such as [hdtracks.com](http://hdtracks.com), already sell albums and tracks in the high and ultra-high resolution FLAC format. To be fair, Pono is using a unique digital filter; we'll have to wait until the fall to hear how much better it might sound.

## 5. Hippie values aside, part of us wishes that Young's system was aimed more at communal listening.

The pitch video focused on listening to Pono in your car,

## 3. The music won't be cheap.

Albums will be \$14.99 to \$24.99, according to the FAQ at [ponomusic.com](http://ponomusic.com). The price for single songs hasn't been set. Neither, apparently, has the cut Pono will take on music sales. Apple, for instance, gets 30 per cent off the top. At SXSW, that question was met with a response from CEO John Hamm (no, not that one) that was so evasive, even Young conceded he didn't provide an answer. And, as a couple of audience members at SXSW noted, a lot of us already own some music on record, cassette, CD and MP3.

decent turntable is relatively inexpensive, and — if you live in a city that's blessed with an abundance of used-record shops — you can still (as we did recently) stumble upon an original copy of Young's *Harvest*, complete with lyric sheet and grainy cover, for eight bucks. No portable format can beat that. And we don't know about you, but our car isn't equipped with the kind of speakers that can distinguish between 44.1 kHz/16 bit CD quality and 192/24 ultra-high resolution, especially when we're sitting amid the roar of rush hour traffic.

## 2. The players aren't cheap.

Once they hit stores, provisionally this fall, they'll sell for \$399, and that doesn't include a pair of headphones decent enough to take advantage of the high-fidelity sound.



and Young also mentioned headphones, but both of those scenarios feel like an extension of Shuhei Hosokawa's famous *The Walkman Effect*. In other words, they encourage "self-enclosure."

If you really long to go back to the way music used to be consumed, you might empathize with Jacques Attali's words in *Noise: The Political Economy of Music*. He calls music "a tool for the creation or consolidation of a community...." Pono doesn't really seem like it's built for that. Mind you, fans who have bought every piece

of music Young has released have learned that his intentions aren't always plain on first listen. If Pono proves popular enough — and the fact that its Kickstarter campaign raised \$2 million in one day is a promising sign — it could spark Apple into making its players, phones and tablets FLAC-compatible. That would be a win for everybody. And that we do get.

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# After 18 years, chick lit is all grown up

**Girl problems.** Genre veteran Jane Green says she writes women the way she sees them in her own life

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Metro World News

Back in 1997 when Jane Green released her first novel, *Straight Talking*, there was no such thing as chick lit. Green, along with a few other authors at the time, became the founding writers of what went on to become a billion dollar genre.

"Helen Fielding wrote *Bridget Jones's Diary* and *Straight Talking* came out three or four months later and there were a couple other books in England that came out around the same time," Green tells us.

"A newspaper ran a double-spread article about us and said we had created this new genre, chick

lit. And that's really how it started."

Green has made a career writing commercial women's fiction and is releasing her 15th book, *Tempting Fate*, on March 25. According to her, writing for women now is very different than it was 18 years ago.

"When I first started writing, (chick lit) was aspirational. You had these huge sexy, glitzy sagas about women who conquered the world. They weren't very real, but they were huge fun. I think what we did was introduce a genre that really held a mirror to women and held it with great honesty and humor," she says. "I don't think there was a genre of books where women were able to read and say, 'I've been there. That's exactly what my life is like.'"

Her new novel is about infidelity and full of so many "What ifs?" and "Then whats?" that it makes it impossible not to devour the book in just a few sittings.



As Green has gotten older, so have her characters. The principal character in *Tempting Fate* isn't a 20- or 30-something trying to figure out her relationship status; it's a woman in her 40s on the brink of a midlife crisis.

"My days of writing about women in their 20s and 30s are over," Green says.

"I've always drawn on my own life. ... All the sudden in my 40s, I noticed a number of women who announced



Author Jane Green. IAN WARBURG

they'd been unhappy for years and unbearably it turned out these women were having affairs. I start-

ed to really look at female infidelity and in particular what happens to a woman in her 40s. Why am I seeing so

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Jane Greene, author, on what inspires her writing now

many women being unfaithful? What is going on?"

Green is contractually obligated to release two books a year, so even though she is just now celebrating the release of *Tempting Fate*, her 16th book is already done and she's currently at work on the 17th.

"My next book is called *Saving Grace* and is about an older man married to a younger woman. They take on an assistant who seems perfect in every way, but within a short period of time, she starts systematically destroying their lives," she reveals. Sounds just about right.



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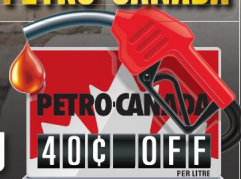
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## Weir through: Skating star announces marriage has frozen over

Figure skating star Johnny Weir has split from his husband of two years, Victor Voronov. "It is with great sadness that I announce that my husband and I are no longer together," Weir wrote on Twitter. "My heart hurts, and I wish him well."

Skating star Weir, who, along with partner Tara Lipinski, made a big splash at the 2014 Winter Olympics with their snappy commentary and even snappier outfits, has been married to Voronov, a Georgetown law grad, for two years. The Weir-Voronovs were

in court on March 4 for a domestic violence incident, during which Weir allegedly bit Voronov, according to Page Six. Just last month, Weir spoke to Access Hollywood about his relationship and mentioned the stresses of married life.

"A marriage between two guys is different than what I imagine a marriage between a man and a woman (to be)," he said. "I mean, we're both constantly trying to fight to wear the pants in the relationship."

"It's constant fireworks," Johnny added. "It's very boom, boom, boom."

## Detectives boiling over easy resolution in cel-egg-rity case

Justin Bieber is set to get off with just a misdemeanor vandalism charge for the January egg-throwing incident at his home in Calabasas, Calif., and the L.A. County Sheriff's Department detectives who investigated the matter are "absolutely furious" about it, according to Radar Online. "He caused \$20,000 in damage and there is just no denying that," a law enforcement source — who asked not to be identified — says. "It sends the wrong message to the community that celebrities are treated differently. This case should be filed against Justin as a felony,



period." But the L.A. District Attorney's office disagreed, stating last month that "there just isn't enough compelling evidence to file a felony vandalism charge against Justin."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



## Just call her Debbie Downer Diaz

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"Everybody has been cheated on, everyone will be cheated on. I can't fix that, I don't know how," Cameron Diaz tells the British edition of OK! Magazine. (Editor's note: Please don't confuse The Diaz by telling her it is possible to not cheat on someone if you just decide not to cheat on

someone.) Diaz is also fine without having kids, because that means she can travel. (Editor's note: Please don't confuse The Diaz by telling her it is possible to buy your child a plane ticket.) "We are tribal, we need our tribe," she says. "I have a bunch of little tribes all over the world that I pop to for a little bit of time, and then I move on. And that's the great thing about being mobile. A lot of my friends have kids and they are stuck, planted in one place, and I kind of get to pop into all the different little tribes around the world and hang out for a little bit."



## Did Lindsay give her sober living coach the heave-Lo?

Lindsay Lohan's vows to lead a cleaner life post-rehab are coming into question since she reportedly fired her sober living coach, Michael Cormier, once filming had been completed on her Oprah Winfrey-produced reality show, according to Radar Online. "Lindsay immediately hired Michael to be her sober living coach and companion. He moved from Los Angeles to New

York City to be with her 24-7," a source says. "But as soon as the cameras were packed up, Lindsay gave Michael the pink slip, and he hasn't heard from her since." The cost of such a service might have been a factor for the often cash-strapped starlet: "This wasn't cheap for Lindsay, as Michael charges up to \$1,500 a day," the source explains.

### Twitter



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Wine writers make the worst customers. Short of trying the new vintage of a familiar brand, our quest to taste everything makes buying a wine more than once unlikely.

That doesn't mean that you shouldn't play favourites. In fact, I recommend that everyone should have at least 10

go-to wines that have proven themselves consistent, versatile and fun to drink (whether with a particular dish or on their own).

Having a Top 10 means you're always ready with a bottle you know will deliver — especially when you're invited to the boss's house for

dinner or want to show off your wine savvy to friends.

A reliable Chianti needs to be on your list. Made primarily from the sangiovese grape, it's the quintessential Tuscan red.

The 2009 Ruffino Riserva Ducale (\$24.95 - \$34.99) comes from Chianti's Classico area — the oldest part of the region.

Packed with chewy blackberry and cherry fruit, its flavour flow is massaged by bright acidity and dry, grippy tannins. Try it with rustic Italian dishes like osso buco, meaty lasagna and, of course, pizza.

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Even though it may not feel like it in certain parts of the country, spring has sprung. Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay helps us celebrate with a recipe that's both refreshing and light from her cookbook *Fast, Fresh, Simple*.



## Dessert

### Cheat's Raspberry Brûlée

- 300 g frozen raspberries
- 1/3 cup (75 g) caster (superfine) sugar
- 1 1/2 cups (420 g) Greek-style thick natural yogurt
- 1 cup (250 ml) heavy cream
- 2 tbsp caster (superfine) sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Extra caster (superfine) sugar, for sprinkling

Place raspberries and sugar in saucepan over high heat and simmer 20 minutes or until mixture thickens. Spoon raspberry mixture into 4 x 1-cup capacity (250 ml) ovenproof dishes. Refrigerate until cold. Whisk yogurt, cream, sugar and vanilla until thick and spoon over raspberry mixture. Refrigerate until cold. Sprinkle with sugar and caramelize sugar with a kitchen blow torch until golden. **DONNA HAY, GUSTOTV.COM**



The recipe serves four. **DONNA HAY**

# Greet spring with Cheat's Goat's Cheese Soufflé



This Cheat's Goat's Cheese Soufflé with Roasted Beetroot Salad serves four. **DONNA HAY**



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1. Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F).

2. Roasted beetroot salad: Trim, wash and scrub the beetroot, reserving the smaller leaves. Discard the stems. Place the beetroot and rosemary on a baking tray and sprinkle with oil and salt. Roast for 40 minutes or until tender. Set aside.

3. Soufflé: Place the cheese, cream, salt and egg yolks in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat until light and fluffy. Fold through the breadcrumbs.

4. Place the egg whites in a clean bowl and beat until soft peaks form. Fold the whites into the cheese mixture.

5. Spoon into 4 x 1½-cup capacity (375 ml) lightly greased ramekins and bake for 20–25 minutes or until puffed and

golden. To serve, halve the larger beetroot and toss with the leaves. Whisk together the vinegar, oil, salt and pepper and spoon over the salad. Serve with the soufflé. **WATCH DONNA HAY FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE THURSDAYS STARTING AT 10 P.M. EST/PT ON GUSTO TV, CANADA'S NEW FOOD & LIFESTYLE CHANNEL. VISIT GUSTOTV.COM FOR FULL PROGRAM LINE-UP AND MORE GREAT RECIPE IDEAS.**

## Ingredients

- 150 g soft goat's cheese
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) single (pouring) cream
- sea salt
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 cups (140 g) fresh white breadcrumbs
- Roasted Beetroot Salad**
- 600 g baby red and golden beetroot (beets)
- 6 rosemary sprigs
- olive oil and sea salt, for sprinkling
- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
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- sea salt and cracked black pepper

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### Jay Malinowski and the Deadcoast

Back from his days of jamming with Bedouin Soundclash, Jay Malinowski descends upon Calgary on March 25 with a deeper, more introspective sound. Presented by the Calgary Folk Festival, Jay will perform songs from his new album, Martel, alongside local talent Astral Swans. Be sure to experience the interactive web project: [whoismartel.com](http://whoismartel.com). All the fun is happening at Festival Hall (1215 10 Ave. SE) at 7 p.m. \$20 at the door or \$18 in advance [festivalhallcalgary.com](http://festivalhallcalgary.com).



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### Spoken Word Workshop

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Hockey

## Dineen to tackle under-18 job

Kevin Dineen led Canada's women to a gold medal at the Sochi Olympics, and his next task will be coaching the men's under-18 team at April's world championships in Finland.

"I think any time you get to represent Canada in international competition it's a real honour," Dineen said in a phone interview Thursday night. "Obviously with our success in Sochi, it was a great time for me to sit back and enjoy that."

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Spring training

## Tigers struck down and out vs. Nats

Stephen Strasburg allowed three hits and struck out five in five scoreless innings Thursday, helping the Washington Nationals beat the Detroit Tigers 8-1.

Strasburg has given up one earned run and eight hits in 14 innings with 10 strikeouts and four walks.

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Spring training

## Bautista's bat still blazing vs. Phillies

Jose Bautista extended his torrid spring training with a double and Esmil Rogers gave up just one run in five innings Thursday as the Blue Jays beat a Philadelphia Phillies split squad 3-1.

Bautista went 1-for-3, and is hitting .359 with five homers, four doubles and 11 RBIs. Erik Kratz homered twice and was 3-for-3, and Moises Sierra also connected for Toronto.

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Canadian skip Rachel Homan, right, and second Alison Kreviazuk tap fists as they play China at the Ford World Women's Curling Championship in Saint John, N.B., on Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Homan and company secure playoff spot

## Age is just a number.

The young Canadian squad beat out another young team from China, 6-4

Rachel Homan's curling team struck a balance between patience and aggression to make the playoffs at the Ford Women's World Curling Championship.

The average age of Homan, third Emma Miskew,

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"This team may be young, but we've had so much experience." Lisa Weagle, Canadian curling team

second Alison Kreviazuk and lead Lisa Weagle is just shy of 26, but they're a Canadian women's curling team ahead of the curve when it comes to the big-game experience and the lessons learned in those games.

A 6-4 win over another young, tough team from China on Thursday at Harbour Station

in Saint John, N.B., secured a playoff berth for the host country.

Canada finished first in the preliminary round at 10-1 with a 9-6 win over Sweden in the evening.

The Canadians already knew with the victory of Liu Sijia, however, that they'd have a chance to upgrade

the bronze medal they won in their world championship debut a year ago.

Homan, Miskew and Kreviazuk have been teammates for over a decade.

Since graduating from the junior ranks four years ago, they and Weagle have played in three national women's championships — finishing fourth and winning twice — two world championships and an Olympic trials.

"This team may be young, but we've had so much experience," said Weagle, the oldest at 28. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Diaz hopes stellar D lifts him out of A-ball



Blue Jays infielder Jonathan Diaz CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jonathan Diaz is easy to spot in the Blue Jays' clubhouse. Just look for a big smile atop a compact five-foot-nine, 155-pound body.

The 28-year-old Florida native is also hard to miss on the field — an elegant, mobile shortstop with a slick glove.

A career .230 hitter in the minors, Diaz is not likely to stick with a Jays club that already has Jose Reyes, Ryan Goins at second base and Maicer Izturis as a utility infielder.

But his skills have been on display again in the Jays' organ-

Taking after Tony

"It's a honour to be wearing that number. He was an unbelievable shortstop."

Jonathan Diaz, who wears No. 1, the same number as Jays legend Tony Fernandez.

ization after a one-year stint with the Red Sox and former Jays manager John Farrell.

"I'd heard about them," Toronto manager John Gibbons said of Diaz's fielding talents.

"Everybody's always said

you're not going to find a better shortstop or defender, period. You can put him anywhere out there."

Diaz has appeared in the infield and outfield this spring, often as a late-inning substitute.

But as of Wednesday, he was hitting .077 with one hit in 13 at-bats this spring. He knows defence is his ticket in baseball.

"I've always loved to be out there making plays and doing acrobatic things," he said. "Luckily that's kept me in the game for as long as it has."

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# Ennis bred on competition in Ontario home

## March Madness.

Highly touted point guard's sporty family prepared him for success with Syracuse

The mini basketball nets that hang all over Tyler Ennis's home in Brampton, Ont., have taken a beating over the years.

In a family of six athletic kids, everything becomes a competition.

The 19-year-old Ennis led the Syracuse Orange to a 77-53 victory over Western Michigan in their opening game of March Madness on Thursday, running the offence with a quiet confidence developed over years of playing alongside two older brothers.

"Very competitive," dad Tony McIntyre said of his kids. "Those Fisher Price nets, and the ones you hang on the door, they'd break those off. Then you'd hammer them into the ceiling in the basement. They'd break those.

"It would get heated. You'd have to break up fights. Out on the street when they'd play 2-on-2 or 1-on-1, someone



Brampton, Ont.'s Tyler Ennis led Syracuse to a 77-53 win over Western Michigan on Thursday in the March Madness tournament. JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES

would always end up upset and kicking the ball down the street."

Ennis, who led Syracuse to a No. 3 seed and the school's 37th berth in the NCAA tournament, scored 16 points and doled out six assists in Thursday's resounding victory in Buffalo.

"We had great energy and that's a key for us going forward," Ennis said. "We've got to play intense and play a full 40 minutes, and everybody was

kind of locked in for that."

Ennis's 22-year-old brother Dylan — a sophomore guard at Villanova — was scheduled to play later Thursday in Buffalo when the Wildcats took on Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Tyler Ennis, one of a crop of rising Canadian stars playing in March Madness, led the Orange to a 25-0 start to this season and the No. 1 ranking in the NCAA for three consecutive weeks, before the Orange lost five of seven games down the regular-season stretch.

Ennis is a finalist for the Bob Cousy Award as the best point guard in the country, and is one of 15 finalists for the Wooden Award for the NCAA's top player, a list that includes Kansas swingman Andrew Wiggins of Vaughan and Michigan sharpshooter Nik Stauskas of Mississauga.

Ennis averaged 12.7 points, 5.6 assists and 2.1 steals per game, becoming the only freshman to ever lead the ACC in assists and steals.

Syracuse will play Dayton — and Ennis's former AAU teammate Dyshawn Pierre of Whitby, Ont. — in the third round Saturday. Dayton edged Ohio State 60-59. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Jermaine Sanders of Cincinnati and Harvard's Kyle Casey battle for a loose ball in Spokane, Wash. Harvard, a 12th seed, won its second-ever NCAA tournament game, upsetting Cincinnati 61-57. STEPHEN DUNN/GETTY IMAGES

## David vs. Goliath

## E. Kentucky looks for upset over Kansas

About the only thing Kansas and Eastern Kentucky have in common is that they are playing each other in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Jayhawks are the big, bruising bullies touting a roster stocked with five-star freshmen including Andrew Wiggins. The Colonels are the scrappy underdogs whose senior-laden roster is adept in shooting three-pointers.

The No. 2 seed Jayhawks and 15th-seeded Colonels meet Friday in St. Louis, with the winner getting seventh-seeded New Mexico or 10th-seeded Stanford in the third round. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Coach Tom Izzo and Michigan State (4) had an easy go of it against Delaware, winning 93-78. STEPHEN DUNN/GETTY IMAGES



Patric Young and Florida (1) slammed Albany out of the tournament with a 67-55 win. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES



Dayton, an 11th seed, celebrates after upsetting Ohio State 60-59. Vee Sanford scored the winning basket with 3.8 seconds remaining. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

## MLB

## Reds closer needs surgery after ball hits him in the face

Cincinnati Reds closer Aroldis Chapman is undergoing surgery to repair a broken bone above his left eye but has no other serious injuries after being hit in the face by a line drive in a spring training game.

Team doctor Tim Kremchek called Chapman "a very lucky guy."

Kremchek says a metal plate will be inserted in the bone and will remain there permanently. He says Chapman has a very mild concussion but no other brain injury and no injury to his eye.

Kansas City's Salvador Perez lined Chapman's 99 m.p.h. fastball into the pitcher's face on Wednesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Golf. Sinking long putts cures Scott's illness, gives him lead at Bay Hill

Masters champion Adam Scott was feeling ill when he arrived at Bay Hill. One majestic round with the putter Thursday made him feel a lot better.

Scott made five putts from about 20 feet or longer, two of them for eagle and one of them from off the green for birdie, and matched the course record with a 10-under 62 to build a three-shot lead in the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

The conditions were close to perfect. So was his work on the greens.

"I made a lot of putts today, and a lot of putts from considerable length," Scott said. "I hit a lot of nice shots, too, but it wasn't like I was hitting it four feet. I had a

## Settling for second

# 3

Ryo Ishikawa and John Merrick are tied for second after rounds of 65. They are three shots back of Adam Scott. Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano is in third place after shooting a 66.

round like this in Australia at the end of last year — in the first six holes, I didn't hit it outside five feet. There's a lot of different ways to get the ball in the hole. But it's good for the confidence. It's what I wanted. I sat in here yesterday and said I'd like to make some birdies and build the confidence. And today is a good start to that."

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# Slim Reaper kills the Cavs' comeback effort

Kevin Durant scored 35 points, finding his shooting touch after a rough start, and Serge Ibaka had 16 as the Oklahoma City Thunder held off a furious Cleveland comeback for a 102-95 win over the injury-riddled Cavaliers on Thursday night.

Durant missed five of his first six shots, but the NBA's top scorer finally got it going. He has scored 25 or more in 33 straight games — the league's second-longest streak since Michael Jordan did it 40 consecutive times (1986-87).

With their 50th win, the Thunder, who let a 24-point lead dwindle to five in the fourth, moved within 1 1/2



Kevin Durant GETTY IMAGES FILE

games of San Antonio for the best record in the Western Conference. Oklahoma City played without All-Star point

guard Russell Westbrook (knee).

Dion Waiters scored 30 for the Cavs. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**





David Foucault of University of Montreal blocks for Pascal Lochard of Laval University during the CIS East West Bowl last May in London, Ont. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Foucault ready to lay down law

**CFL.** With 6-7, 300-pound frame, Carabins offensive tackle looking to make impression at combine

For David Foucault, it will be the ultimate job interview.

The Montreal Carabins towering offensive tackle will be someone to watch this weekend at the CFL combine in Toronto when many of the top-ranked draft prospects strut their stuff before league coaches and GMs.

"It's very important ... it's probably the most important job interview of my life," the six-foot-seven, 300-pound Foucault said in a phone interview. "I'll need to do well in my drills and perform because all the teams will be there and will have questions for me."

**Yes sir, officer**

"If I get drafted, I'll take a break from school and then start again because after football we do have a life. Maybe after 10 years (of pro football) being a police officer would be great."

Pro-football hopeful David Foucault

"I believe I'm an athletic player, a big man, a strong man with long arms and good feet. I'll have to show my personality, skill and willingness to work hard."

Foucault and the other prospects will be measured and weighed Saturday as well as perform the bench press, vertical jump and standing jump. The following day they'll run the 40-yard dash as well as participate in one-on-one drills in helmets and shoulder pads.

CFL officials are already familiar with the 24-year-old native of LaSalle, Que. A criminology major, Foucault finished the season as the No. 3-ranked prospect for this year's draft by the league's Central Scouting Bureau.

McGill tackle Laurent Duvernay-Tardif, the No. 1 prospect, is skipping the combine to be fresh for his pro day next week in Montreal. So the spotlight will be firmly

on Foucault and Laval offensive lineman Pierre Lavertu, who's ranked No. 2 overall.

That's fine with Foucault. "In my mind I need to work hard and get better every day," he said. "No top player is perfect and I'm someone who focuses on every detail."

"I just concentrate on myself and what I do."

However, Foucault will carry the weight of expectation on his broad shoulders. Earlier this month, the converted defensive lineman posted a 33.5-inch vertical jump, 4.45-second shuttle run and standing broad jump of eight feet seven inches at a regional NFL combine in Tampa, Fla. Those results earned Foucault a spot in a super regional event next month in Detroit.

"That has given me the push to keep working harder every day and not stop," Foucault said. "My dream is to be a professional football player and if I get the chance to play in the NFL, that would be great."

"But I also need to do the best job I can at the CFL combine because I need to be consistent. I need to do better tests. That's what I need to show."

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

Don't waste time on regrets. This is your time of year and if you are positive you will enjoy the kind of progress that makes yesterday's doubts and failures irrelevant.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may have to remind someone that you do not exist merely to be there when they call. Today's lunar eclipse of Saturn in your opposite sign will help you express negative feelings in a positive way.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Try not to let your annoyance show if a friend gets something wrong. Resist the urge to criticize and instead offer words of advice in a supportive way. Chances are they'll get it right next time.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The most important thing today is that you make sure the facts support your point of view. If you make claims that others find easy to show are false, it won't do your reputation a lot of good.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Anything you do in haste over the next 24 hours will be repented for days if not weeks to come. Slow down, take your time and make sure you have made the correct decisions before you take any action.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It's easy to find fault with others, but is your own life blameless? If you get critical today you may find someone turns the tables by highlighting your own failures.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The planets warn if you shoot your mouth off today you may provoke someone who knows how to hit back. And they will hit you where it hurts most — in your wallet.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Today's lunar eclipse of Saturn in your sign suggests you are bursting to say things you know you shouldn't. However, the longer you keep your thoughts bottled up, the bigger the explosion will be.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Refuse to do anything you consider underhand or unfair. Others may enjoy cutting corners but you know that in the long-term, negative behaviour has a way of coming back at you.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Say what you believe to be true and don't worry too much about the effect it may have on others. Facts are facts and must not be denied, not even to spare the feelings of those who are not as smart as you.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You want to make a difference in a good way, but how do you actually do that? What happens over the next 24 hours will point you in the right direction. Start marching!

### Pisces

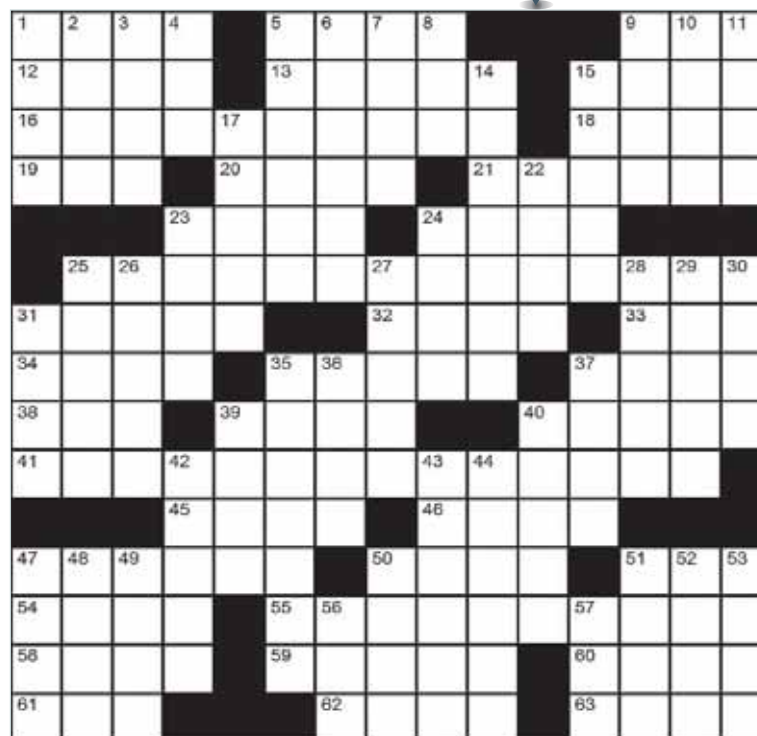
Feb. 20 - March 20

A question that's been nagging at your brain for a long time will finally be answered today. It may surprise you how simple the solution is but isn't that often the way? Next time, try not to make such a big deal of it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. \_\_\_ Mall (Famous street in London, England)
5. Dines, informally
9. You-know-\_\_\_
12. Nautical side
13. "The Love Boat" bartender
15. Gardening product
16. 1942 Bogart/Bergman movie
18. Seepage sort
19. Cousin of -ette
20. Time delays
21. Author of the best-seller at #47-Across, Joseph \_\_\_
23. Hourly pay
24. Macbeth's burial place
25. Sports rivalry in AB: 3 wds.
31. Correspond
32. Acad.
33. Narcotics agcy. in The States
34. Shania Twain's "I \_\_\_ No Quitter"
35. 'Health' in Hull
37. Titles in Turkey
38. Chew out
39. Mr. Jacobs of fashion
40. Guitarrist who wears a top hat
41. Manitoba's Wekusko Falls, for one: 2 wds.
45. Driveway sights
46. Pere's partner
47. The \_\_\_ (Winner of CBC's 2014 Canada



Reads battle-of-the-books)

50. Roof part
51. Actor Mr. McBride
54. Horse coat
55. Character in "Muppets Most Wanted" (2014): 2 wds.
58. Mystique
59. Zac of showbiz

60. Laze

61. "Dancing with the Stars" judge Mr. Goodman
62. Temple, poetry-style
63. Catches on

### Down

1. Tempo

2. "Ah, me."

3. More-not
4. Singer/actress Ms. Michele
5. Farm fodder
6. Accepted practices
7. Pots and \_\_\_
8. Bag-like structure
9. Carpentry material
10. Smog

11. Foretoken

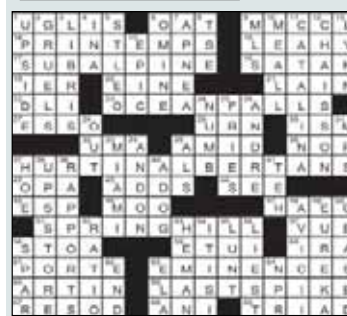
14. Freight train's last car
15. True blue
17. Finger point
22. "Don't bet \_\_\_!": 2 wds.
23. 60-\_\_\_ bulb
24. "\_\_\_ it about time?"
25. \_\_\_ Tuck

See today's answers at [metronews.ca/answers](http://metronews.ca/answers).

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

26. Vernacular
27. "The Da \_\_\_ Code" (2006)
28. 'E' in poetic monogram EAP
29. Inquire once more
30. Certain cincture
31. Sci-Fi speed
35. New Mexico's capital: 2 wds.
36. Curves
37. Wings
39. Intellect
40. Shopper's binge
42. "Wheel of Fortune" letters-turner
43. Popular online 'bookstore'
44. Maroon 5 singer Adam
47. \_\_\_ agreement
48. Libertine
49. Clear
50. Better Than \_\_\_ (Rock band)
51. Hand over
52. "Stop!"
53. Furies
56. Sour
57. Large

## Yesterday's Crossword

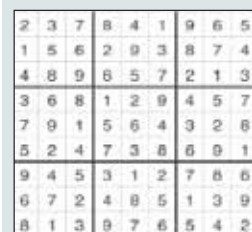


## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



## Weather

### TODAY



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### SATURDAY



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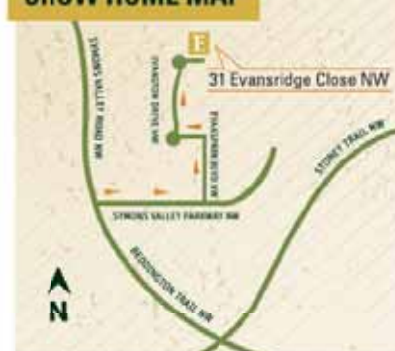
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